AKC® Code of Sportsmanship and Civility

Preface: The tradition of competitive purebred dog events predates 1884—the year the American Kennel Club (AKC®) was founded. Those involved in these sports share core values, including a strong commitment to sportsmanship and a welcoming, respectful culture that embraces the diverse community united by a love of dogs.

These values are evident across all aspects of the sport: conformation, performance, companion, and family dog activities. Many believe that the enduring principles of sportsmanship and civility are key reasons the sport has thrived for over 140 years.

Recognizing that periodically reaffirming our shared values strengthens our community, the revised code will be shared widely to highlight the foundational values and principles that define the sport.

- Sportspeople always place the welfare of their dog above all else.
- Sportspeople prioritize the long-term health and preservation of their breed, making decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- Sportspeople respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportspeople conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the sport, the American Kennel Club, and themselves.
- Sportspeople appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in the sports by fostering an environment where respect, equity, inclusion, and courtesy are foundational.
- Sportspeople understand, uphold and abide by all AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.
- Sportspeople contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Sportspeople extend their values of civility, fairness, and respect to all digital and social media platforms.
- Sportspeople actively support the education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values, and traditions of the sport in a respectful way.
- Sportspeople recognize that they are role models in the sport, and strive to lead by example through humility, kindness, and ethical conduct.
- Sportspeople treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators, and AKC staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background, or differences in opinion.
- Sportspeople are committed to fair play, honesty, courtesy, and competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace.
- Sportspeople understand that strong competition and civility can—and should—coexist. They appreciate the quality of their competitors, and the effort put forth by others.
- Sportspeople uphold their responsibilities to the sport of purebred dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsperson judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsperson judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsperson exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsperson exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- Sportspeople are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportspeople decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- Sportspeople appreciate those that have gone before them and realize they are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the sport for future generations.

Everything We Do, We Do for Dogs.

7/2025

#2027263901 Obedience Trial

Entries close at the Trial Secretary's Office at 6:00 PM Wednesday Dec 16, 2026 or when limits are reached, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules.

Premium List

60th Annual Obedience Trial

>>> Entries limited to 8 Hours of Judging <<<

(Unbenched)

LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)

UP FRONT DOG CENTER

128 Arneytown-Hornerstown Road, Allentown, NJ 08501

FRIDAY, January 1st, 2027

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

SHOW HOURS: 8:00am - 5:00pm

****Entries Close Wednesday, Dec 16, 2026 @6pm****

All judging will be indoors ~ Free Day Parking ~ No Admission Fee
Entries are open to All-American Dogs Listed in the AKC Canine Partners Program

LOWER BUCKS DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

OFFICERS

President	Liz Turner
Vice President	Kim Kinney
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Corresponding Secretary	Tammy Gibson
Recording Secretary	Ken McKinney

8746 New Falls Rd, Levittown, PA 19054 (215) 493-1201

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Training Director: Robin Kinley Training Admin: Carol McKinney

At Large: Nancy Andreas & Terri Kerr

Past President: Florence Brems

EVENT COMMITTEE

Terri Kerr, Event Chair
128 Arneytown-Hornerstown Rd., Allentown, NJ 08501
**** Do Not Send Entries to This Address ****
(609)758-7773
Lowerbucks.Trialsec@gmail.com

Tammy Gibson, Event Secretary
P.O. Box 5, New Egypt NJ 08533
Lowerbucks.Trialsec@gmail.com

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Florence Brems
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VETERINARIAN ON CALL

North Star Vets Emergency Center
315 Robbinsville-Allentown Road, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

(609) 259-8300

JUDGES

Jean Nocilly, PO Box 315, Cheswold, DE 19936
Obedience Event #2027263901: Utility A&B, Pref. Utility, Novice A&B

***Michael Mooney*,** 26 Shetland Circle, Reisterstown, MD 21136
Obedience Event #2027263901: Open A&B, Pref. Open, Pref. Novice, Beg Nov A&B

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ROUTES TO THE TRIAL
128 Arneytown-Hornerstown Rd Allentown, NJ 08501

From NJ Turnpike, Exit 7A - Take I-195 East to Route 526. Make right on Route 526 to Main Street. Make right on Main Street to Route 539 then left on Route 539 to Arneytown-Hornerstown Road.

From NJ Turnpike, Exit 7 - Take Route 206 North to Route 528 (Crosswicks Road). Make right on Route 528 and drive approximately 6 miles until Route 528 turns right. DO NOT TURN RIGHT - GO STRAIGHT (you are now on Route 664). Follow Route 664 which will turn right. Arneytown-Hornerstown Road is approximately 2 miles on your left. Up Front Farm is the 3rd driveway on the left, with the building at the end of a long driveway.

From Freehold - Follow Route 537 West. Turn right on Route 539 and left onto Arneytown-Hornerstown Road.

From Mount Holly - Follow Route 537 East. Turn left on Route 539 and left onto Arneytown-Hornerstown Road

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HOTEL/MOTEL LISTING

Candlewood Suites Bordentown-Trenton,
200 Rising Sun Road, Bordentown, NJ 609-291-1010
Quality Inn East Windsor, 351 Franklin Street, Windsor, NJ 609-448-7399
Budget Inn Wrightstown, 2841 Monmouth Rd, Springfield, NJ.. 609-723-4555
Red Carpet Inn & Suites Wrightstown,
39 Georgetown Road, Wrightstown, NJ 609-723-1372
Days Inn Bordentown, 1073 Rt 206 North, Bordentown, NJ 609-298-6100

*** Check with hotels for their specific pet policy and fees, if any ***

OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASSES

Per the new AKC regulation effective January 1, 2014, females in season are NOT permitted to compete. After the close of entries only refund requests for bitches in season can be accepted. Those requests must include a veterinarian's note and be received by the Trial Secretary NO LATER than one half hour prior to the start of the first class at the trial. After the close of entries, a processing fee of $5.00 will be assessed. There will be no refund for injury or illness after entries close.

Please Note: January 1, 2009 Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 3, Jump Height required with entry.

Include Jump Height on entry form with class.
Entries are processed in the order that they are received at the PO Box of the Trial Secretary, and a waitlist will be maintained.

As per Chapter 1, Section 16 of the Obedience Regulations, move-ups will be allowed by making the request in writing to the Trial Secretary through mail, email or on site at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the class and will be granted depending on the space available in the requested class.

Jump Heights will be in ASCENDING (small to tall) order.

"Dog" means either sex.

Obedience Classes Offered

Novice A	Novice B
Open A	Open B
Utility A	Utility B

Optional Titling Classes

Beginner Novice A	Beginner Novice B
Preferred Novice	Preferred Open
Preferred Utility	

** Exhibitors should follow their veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations. **

OBEDIENCE ENTRY FEES

$40.00 First entry of a dog in Obedience
$33.00 Each additional entry of the same dog in Obedience

Note: *The above listed fees apply separately to each dog. If there are multiple dogs entered, the fee will be $40 for a single entry of each dog. The lower additional entry fee applies ONLY to multiple entries of the same dog (UDX*).

RIBBON PRIZES

Regular & Optional Titling Obedience Classes

First Prize… ..... Blue Ribbon

Second Prize… ..... Red Ribbon

Third Prize… ..... Yellow Ribbon

Fourth Prize… ..... White Ribbon

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes ..... Blue & Gold Rosette

Highest Scoring Dog in Open B & Utility B Combined ... Blue & Green Rosette

New Titleholders …… Rosette offered by LBDTC

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc. offers a Dark Green Qualifying Score Ribbon to all dogs receiving qualifying scores in both Regular and Optional Titling Obedience Classes.

When the same dog is entered in more than one class, only the highest scored will be used for determining top award in trial.

*** All awards must be claimed at the trial. None will be mailed. ****

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

Sheila Goffe Secretary

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Lower Bucks Dog Training Club

Jan 1, 2027: __Obedience # 2027263901

[ENTRIES CLOSE 12/16 @ 6pm]

Location: Up Front Dog Center, Allentown, NJ

First Entry Fee $40, Additional Entry (same dog, same event number): $33

Mail all entries with fees (payable to Terri Kerr) to

Tammy Gibson, Event Secretary, P.O. Box 5, New Egypt, NJ 08533

See Entry Fee Information page for complete information

I ENCLOSE $_____ for entry fees

IMPORTANT-Read Carefully Instructions on Reverse Side Before Filling Out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box (PLEASE PRINT)

BREED [5]	VARIETY [1]	SEX

DOG SHOW CLASS [2,3]	CLASS DIVISION [3] Weight, color, etc.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES	OBEDIENCE CLASS (Jump Height)	RALLY CLASS (Jump Height)	JR. SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

NAME OF (See Back) JUNIOR HANDLER (If any)	JR. HANDLER NUMBER

FULL NAME OF DOG

Enter number here

☐ AKC® NO.
☐ PAL/ILP NO.
☐ FOREIGN REG NO. & COUNTRY

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH (list country)
Do not print the above in catalog.

BREEDER

SIRE

DAM

ACTUAL OWNER(S) [4] _____
(Please Print)

OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT (IF ANY) AT THE SHOW _____

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

SIGNATURE of owner or his/her agent duly authorized to make this entry _____

TELEPHONE #_____ E-MAIL Address _____

Are you a new exhibitor? Yes ☐ No ☐ Owner/Handled Eligible? Yes ☐ No ☐

Emergency contact: _____ Telephone: _____

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org

AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. **I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).

2. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.

3. (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e, age division, color division, weight division.

4. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)

5. Mixed Breed dogs entering classes for Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials should mark Breed as "All-American Dog/Mixed Breed." Sire and Dam information shall remain blank for mixed breed entrants.

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JR.'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER _____

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 233-9767.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Admission & Parking: There is no admission or parking fee.

Closing Date for Entries: 6:00 PM Dec 16, 2026 at the Event Secretary's office or when limits are reached at the Event Secretary's office, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 14, Section 6 of "The Dog Show Rules." Entries not on official AKC entry forms and photocopies of entry forms without Agreement and Rules on reverse side of the official AKC entry form are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Mail all entries with fees (CHECKS PAYABLE TO TERRI KERR) to Tammy Gibson Event Secretary, P.O. Box 5, New Egypt NJ 08533. Entries received without fees will not be accepted. Acknowledgment of entries will be made as soon as practicable via email. **Should acknowledgment not be received by the exhibitor within a reasonable time, please contact the show secretary at (609)758-7773 or lowerbucks.trialsec@gmail.com**

Make all checks and money orders PAYABLE TO TERRI KERR. Canadian exhibitors must make fees payable in U.S. Funds. Enclose checks or money orders with entries. Show Secretary assumes no responsibility for cash sent through the mail. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry fee. The Show Secretary will add a collection fee to the amount of each returned check. Subsequent returned checks from the same exhibitors may result in their being limited to a cash only basis. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by the judge, or barred from competition by action of the Show Committee. If, because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the management it is impossible to open or to complete the show, no refund of entry fees will be made. Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to, snowstorms, hurricanes, lightning, extreme heat, heavy rains or other circumstances including, but not limited to, the condition of the facilities or grounds, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors, and spectators. The well-being of the dogs exhibitors and spectators is of paramount importance and in the event necessary to cancel or stop the event before completion, no refund of entry will be made.

Females in season: Per the new AKC regulation effective January 1, 2014, females in season are NOT permitted to compete. After the close of entries only refund requests for bitches in season can be accepted. Those requests must include a veterinarian's note and be received by the Trial Secretary NO LATER than one half hour prior to the start of the first class at the trial. After the close of entries, a processing fee of $5.00 will be assessed. There will be no refund for injury or illness after entries close.

No Refund for Duplicate Entries. Every effort to find duplicates will be made; however, if entry has been processed, no refund will be made.

Errors on Entry Blanks: Owners are responsible for errors made on entry forms, and no entry fee will be refunded in event of such errors or cancellation of entries after the published closing date.

Declination of Entries: The show committee may decline any entries for cause and may refuse to admit or may remove any dog on account of disease, viciousness, or other cause, and no one shall have any claim or recourse against the show-giving club or any official thereof.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS – CONT'D

An AKC Event Service Fee per Entry and a Recording Fee for First Entry Only will be required for each dog entered at any Licensed or Member Club Show, Obedience Trial or Tracking Test. A Rally Recording Fee will be required for each dog entered in a Rally Class. These Event Service and Recording Fees are to collected by the Show-giving club and paid to the American Kennel Club and are included in the entry fee listed.

No Entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies conditions as to its acceptance.

Show Site: will be open 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time. Consult program for time of judging. Dogs need be present only at the appointed hour of judging. Dogs not required for further judging will be excused.

Judges will not wait for any dog. Owners or Agents alone are responsible for the presence of their dogs in the judging ring when their classes are called to be judged. The show-giving club and the Show Secretary have no obligation or responsibility for providing services for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

Parents must be responsible for their children at all times.

The Show Committee/Event Secretary will use due care and diligence for the welfare of dogs and exhibitors but will not be responsible for, nor assume any liability in the event of an accident or misfortune to either dogs or exhibitors participating in the show.

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc. and Up Front Dog Center will not be held responsible for any accident that may occur to any person, animal, property or vehicle. The exhibitors shall hold the Show Committee harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceeding arising from any accident.

An administrative fee of $2.00 will be withheld from all refunds for entries canceled prior to the closing of entries.

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Food is NOT available on site, there will be no food vendors.
Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

This Club does **not** agree to arbitrate claims
as set forth on the official AKC entry form for this event.