

HIT of HITS RULES

1. Eligibility: Any dog/handler team that has won a HIT with a score of 195 or better in Novice or Open and 193 or better in Utility at a CKC licensed trial held in Canada between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 inclusive. The dog/handler teams who earn a HIT at each of the BDOC trials held on the day of the HIT 2012 competition will be eligible to compete that evening provided the score requirements are met & entry fee paid.
2. Entries will no longer be accepted by email. Entries must be sent to the Registrar by regular mail between January 1, 2012 and January 31, 2012. The post mark on the envelope will be used to verify that this requirement has been met. After January 31, 2012 & all eligible entries have been collected, a draw will be held at the General Meeting of Bytown Dog Obedience Club in February 2012 to select the competitors for each class, to determine order of entry in to the ring & to establish a waiting list if class entries exceed class maximums. All entries received in accordance with the above date requirement and accompanied by full payment will be eligible. At the BDOC meeting in February 2012, entries will be drawn successively until the number of competitors to complete the class or classes has been reached. The order in which entries are drawn will also determine competitors' order of entry in to the ring the night of the HIT. Competitors will be notified of their entry number by March 15, 2012. i.e. #4 in the open class of 10 dogs. Once a class has been filled, the remaining entries will be drawn successively to determine their order on the waiting list. In the event that there are withdrawals from a class prior to the trial, the next team on the waiting list will be advised of their competitor status and order of entry into the ring. Cheques of competitors on the waiting list will be returned by May 1, 2012 if there are no withdrawals.

Entry forms may be obtained from
BDOC web page **bytowndogobedience.org**

or

Premium List - Colmar Show Services

or:

REGISTRAR;

Barbara Jeffery, 39 Dow's Lake Road, Ottawa, ON, Canada
K1S 4L3

Email: BDOCHitChair@gmail.com

3. Dog/handler teams compete at the HIT of HITS in the class in which their HIT was won.
4. A dog may compete only once in the HIT of HITS 2012. If teams have HITS in more than one class, the dog/handler team must elect to compete at the HIT of HITS in ONE CLASS ONLY. A handler may compete in the HIT 2012 with a maximum of TWO dogs. Any handler competing with two dogs in the same class must compete back to back with each dog in that class
5. ENTRY FEE FOR THE HIT 2012 is \$25.00 and must be received in an envelope post-dated no later than January 31, 2012. Otherwise the entry is void and not eligible in the draw. Make cheques payable to BDOC (no credit cards accepted). No refunds will be given to handlers withdrawing after January 31, 2012 without a certificate from a veterinarian.
6. All entries should be sent to the HIT registrar at the following address:

**Barbara Jeffery
39 Dow's Lake Road
Ottawa, ON, Canada
K1S 4L3**
7. Teams must check in at the registration table by 6:00 pm. Otherwise they will be deemed "absent" for the event.
8. The classes of competition will be NOVICE, OPEN & UTILITY with no distinction between A or B. Entries in classes will be limited as follows: NOVICE 8, OPEN 10, UTILITY 5.
9. Dog/handler teams will be judged by a panel of licensed judges and the team with the lowest total points lost in each class will be declared the winner of that class. The winners of each class will perform an additional off leash heeling routine to declare the final HIT of HITS winner.
10. In the case of a tie for 1st place in a class, the dogs shall be re-tested again by having them perform individually, all or the same part of one or more of the regular exercises in that class.
11. Classes will be judged in the following order:
Novice, Open, Utility.....order of exercises within a class will not necessarily be as in the CKC regulations. One exercise in each class is deleted as follows:

Novice: Stand for Exam
Open: Retrieve on Flat
Utility: Moving Stand

12. Novice and Open Stay exercises will be judged separately and consist of SITS ONLY. ALL dogs in each class will perform the exercise at the SAME time regardless of number of dogs
13. The Stay exercises and the final heeling routine may be designed and called by either a licensed judge or an accomplished and well-qualified member of the obedience community, selected by the BDOC HIT of HITs committee.
14. Judges may use liberty in designing class patterns, but all patterns, in regular classes as well as the final heeling pattern, must conform to obedience exercises. (for example, rally obedience exercises that are not also used in regular obedience are not acceptable.)
15. Judges will be prohibited from discussing scores they have assigned to each competitor prior to handing in score sheets for each competitor.
16. Given the limited space in the venue for the 2012 HIT of HITs, there will be a change to the previous sequestering procedure. Prior to the beginning of each class, and the final heeling run-off, the competing teams will be asked to leave the competition ring area. There will be a designated "waiting area" and handlers will have the choice of bringing the dog with them to the "waiting area" or leaving the dog crated in the ring area. Unfortunately, unlike previous years, there is not sufficient space in the designated "waiting area" for teams to warm up while waiting to be called to the ring. As such, handlers who wish to do so can warm up outside the building while waiting to be called to compete. In either case, teams will be given the opportunity for a 1 minute warm-up just prior to entering the ring. Teams **must** be ready when called to enter the ring area for the 1 minute warm-up.
17. Teams will be instructed as their turn approaches to move from the sequestered waiting area to the competition area. Teams will then be alerted that they have one minute to make their way to ring side so as to be ready to enter the ring when their number is announced. Last minute warm up is permitted as a team makes its way across the hall floor to the ring area, as long as the team is at ringside when its number is called & arrives at ringside in 1 minute or less.
18. The decision of the judges will be final.

19. Monetary awards will be given only to teams taking first place in each class and to the winner of the final run-off. The award for each 1st place in regular classes is \$100. The award for the winner of the final run-off, the HIT of HITs, is \$500. Monetary awards will not be made to teams placing 1st but having a non qualifying routine. A team placing first in class but having a non qualifying routine will not be allowed to participate in the final heeling runoff.
20. Rosettes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placements in each class.
21. Teams in the final heeling run-off will be sequestered until they are called to enter the ring area. In the event that a handler is competing with two dogs in the final heeling pattern, the two teams must compete back to back.
22. Individual score sheets will **NOT** be distributed after the HIT.
23. The HIT of HITs **CANNOT** accommodate non-competing dogs inside the trial venue.
24. Bitches in season are not permitted to compete. The judge/s of the HIT will remove from competition any bitch which appears so attractive to males as to be a disturbing element.