



**British Competitive Obedience Society** presents



**Grand Prix Qualifying Show**



**SCHEDULE OF 6 CLASS OBEDIENCE SHOW  
(Held under special BCOS format)  
to be held at**

Nuneaton Dog Training Club, Old Hinckley Road,  
Nuneaton. Warwickshire. CV10 0AA.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Show opens at 8:30am. Judging Commences at 9am.

Show Adjudicator: Jeannie GWilliam

Show Organiser: Zoe Gilbert

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**ENTRY FEES:-**

**Members (Fully paid up VIP BCOS members only, who have paid £11 membership fee for annual subscription 01.01.24 - 31.12.24) £7.65**  
(per dog per class)

**Non-Members £9.65** (per dog per class)

Dogs maybe entered into a maximum of 3 classes for which they are eligible.

**\*\*\*ENTRIES FOR ALL GRADES ARE CAPPED AT 40 ENTRIES PER CLASS\*\*  
(Plus Judges, Stewards & Organisers)**

**PLEASE NOTE: Entries are via Cademy, through The Nuneaton Dog Training Club Website**

<https://nuneaton-dog-training-club.cademy.co.uk/bcos-show-05oct24>

There will be **NO** Postal entries for this show

**\*\*RUNNING ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE BCOS FACEBOOK PAGE & OBEDIENCEUK WEBSITE\*\***

## **CLASSIFICATION**

**CLASS**

**JUDGE**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Grade One (Equivalent to Pre Beginner) judge: Kelly Green**

**Grade Two (Equivalent to Beginner) judge: Jackie Laverty**

**Grade Three (Equivalent to Novice) judge: Briar Dunn**



This is the final Grand Prix Qualifying show for 2024 and the winner of each Grade will be invited to enter the prestigious **British Competitive Obedience Society Grand Prix Final 2024!!!!!!**



**\*Rosettes to 6th place in all Grades\***  
**\*Best Training Round rosette in each Grade\* - Sponsored by**  
**\*The BCOS Team\***

**\*\*\*COMPETITORS' REFRESHMENTS\*\*\***

**Food van selling hot & cold meals & snacks; hot & cold drinks sold**

### **WELFARE OF DOGS AT THE SHOW**

The welfare of the dogs is of paramount importance to all at the show. We ask that competitors and visitors ensure that their dogs are suitably cared for taking into account the weather conditions and temperatures on the day of the show. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused. Veterinary Surgeons in the area – a list will be displayed at the show (all expenses to be paid by the owner(s) of the dog being treated).

## The Tests

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Judging will be deemed to have started when the team enters the ring, and will continue until they leave. A handler may choose to withdraw from competing at any time. There will be no 'stay' exercises.

### Overall impression

In all grades, in all exercises, dogs should be demonstrating **enjoyment** and **confidence**. The overall impression should be of **enthusiasm, focus and energy**, with **controlled and accurate execution**, by both dog and handler, of each exercise.

### Heelwork

Overall impression: energy, enthusiasm and focus (**which will be given priority over technical correctness in Grades One to Three**). Changes of pace: the dog must demonstrate clear differences in pace. Judges will have the discretion to include turns or circles appropriate to the Grade being judged.

## BCOS Progression through the Grades

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**If you choose to only compete at BCOS shows then the progression through the grades is as below :-**

A handler and/or dog **WILL** win out of a grade by accumulating 15 points which can only be gained at BCOS shows in one of the two options below :-

15 points made up of at least one 1<sup>st</sup> place win plus the accumulation of all points from all places gained in your current grade or above. This method of progression is at the handler choice (you may choose to stay in the same grade). Points are as follows :- 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 1 point

OR

By 3 x 1st place wins which equates to 15 points. Once three 1<sup>st</sup> place wins have been achieved within your grade or above you have then won out of that grade.

Note : 1<sup>st</sup> place wins acquired in a BCOS Grand Prix Final invitation class will count as DOUBLE points (= 10 points) towards progression, should the owner/handler wish to progress on points.

If you compete at both **BCOS** and **Kennel Club** shows you should enter the relevant class below in accordance with the "Definition of Classes" for each Grade.

## Definition of Classes

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### Grade One (equivalent to KC Pre-Beginner)

To compete in Grade One a handler or dog must not have gained 3 wins in any Grade at BCOS shows (excluding wins acquired in a BCOS Grand Prix Final invitation class) OR **must still be eligible to compete in Pre-Beginner class at KC licensed shows**. Also please see the BCOS progression rules for handlers choosing to progress on a points basis.

During the Grade One test, handlers may reward their dog in the ring before and between exercises using food or toy rewards. Handlers may carry rewards on their person e.g. in a pocket. Carrying the rewards directly in their hand (unless otherwise stated within the exercise

description.) will be penalised or assumed to be NFC. Luring can be allowed in training rounds but will not qualify for the Best Training Round rosette.

**Heelwork** - Either on lead or off lead at handlers choice. 20 marks

**Front Recall** - Should the judge choose to carry out this exercise informally, the dog can be restrained by a designated helper chosen by the handler and not be restrained by the judge or steward. 15 marks

**Formal Heelwork Set Up** – Either on lead or off lead at handlers choice. The handler to demonstrate a formal set up for heelwork. The steward will indicate to the handler where the judge requires the dog to be set up. The dog can be cued into Heelwork from any location/position. The exercise will commence upon the stewards command of “ please set your dog up for heelwork”. Once the dog is set up the steward will then ask “Are you ready”? At which point the handler will acknowledge and the exercise will be completed. Handlers may use a hand touch, lure and encourage their dogs into position. Judges will be looking for an overall impression of the dogs focus and engagement, in preparation for the ‘formality’ of the higher Grades. The dog should show joy, expression and engagement throughout. The dog must show a level of independence to find the set up position. 5 marks

Focus & Engagement 5 marks  
Teamwork & Overall Partnership 5 marks

**TOTAL MARKS A TEAM CAN GAIN: 50**



**Grade Two (equivalent to KC Beginner)**

To compete in Grade Two a handler or dog must not have gained 3 wins in total in Grade Two or above at BCOS shows (excluding wins acquired in a BCOS

Grand Prix Final invitation class) OR must still be eligible to compete in Beginner class at KC licensed shows. Also please see the BCOS

progression rules for handlers choosing to progress on a points basis.

During the Grade Two test, handlers may reward their dog before and between exercises in the ring using food or toy rewards. Handlers may carry rewards on their person e.g. in a pocket Carrying the rewards directly in their hand (unless otherwise stated within the exercise description.) will be penalised or assumed to be NFC. Luring can be allowed in training rounds but will not qualify for the Best Training Round rosette.

**Heelwork** - Either on lead or off lead at handlers choice. 20 marks

**Front Recall** - Should the judge choose to carry out this exercise informally, the dog can be restrained by a designated helper chosen by the handler and not be restrained by the judge or steward. 15 marks

**Retrieve** - Handlers article or dumbbell. 20 marks

**Formal Heelwork Set Up** – Either on lead or off lead at handlers choice. The handler to demonstrate a formal set up for heelwork. The steward will indicate to the handler where the judge requires the dog to be set up. The dog can be cued into Heelwork position from any location/position. The exercise will commence upon the stewards command of “ please set your dog up for heelwork”. Once the dog is set up the steward will then ask “Are you ready”? At which point the handler will acknowledge and the exercise will be completed. Handlers may use a hand touch, lure and encourage their dogs into position. Judges will be looking for an overall impression of the dogs focus and engagement, in preparation for the ‘formality’ of the higher Grades. The dog should show joy, expression and engagement throughout. The dog must show a level of independence to find the set up position.

5 marks

Focus & Engagement

5 marks

Teamwork & Overall Partnership

5 marks

**TOTAL MARKS A TEAM CAN GAIN: 70**



**Grade Three (equivalent to KC Novice)**

To compete in Grade Three a dog must not have gained 3 wins in total in Grade Three or above at BCOS shows (excluding wins acquired in a BCOS Grand Prix Final invitation class) OR must still be eligible to compete in Novice class at KC licensed shows. Also please see the BCOS progression rules for handlers choosing to progress on a points basis.

During the Grade Three test, rewards may not be carried by the handler, nor be on their person, but handlers may either leave the ring **TWICE** to reward their dogs or use the reward table in the ring, if one is provided by the organiser, in accordance with the guidance on General Conduct e.g. before or between exercises. Food and or toy may be used in the ring for training rounds at the discretion of the judge.

**Heelwork** - Either on or off lead at handlers choice.

25 marks

**Front Recall** - Should the judge choose to carry out this exercise informally, the dog can be restrained by a designated helper chosen by the handler and not be restrained by the judge or steward.

15 marks

**Retrieve** - Handlers dumbbell.

20 marks

**Recall to Heel** – The handler may leave their dog in a Stand, Sit or Down. The handler will leave the dog at the judges discretion and walk away in a straight line (NO turns permissible). Handler to call the dog on steward/judges command which will be between 6 and 10 paces away from the dog. Once the dog has joined the handler in the heelwork position the judging of the exercise has finished. Commands are allowed as in a Novice round. Should the judge choose to carry out this exercise informally, the dog can be restrained by a designated helper chosen by the handler and not be restrained by the judge or steward.

20 marks

Focus & Engagement

5 marks

Teamwork & Overall Partnership

5 marks

**TOTAL MARKS A TEAM CAN GAIN: 90**

## BCOS Show Rules

The show will be run broadly in accordance with accepted traditional obedience tests G regs with the tweaks and amendments (see below). It is important that competitors and judges are aware of these differences.

### Show Management

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The show management will appoint an adjudicator(s) who will be the sole arbiter(s) in the event of any disputes or in any matter not specifically covered by these rules

#### Feedback

The show management will maintain a Feedback Book in which comments can be made in order to improve any future shows should they be organised.

### General Conduct of the Show (for Competitors, Helpers and Visitors)

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Within the rules of each class (see Grade descriptions for details) rewards can be given BEFORE OR BETWEEN exercises IN OR OUT of the ring.

#### Rewarding after test has completed.

During the various Grades at a BCOS show, competitors may reinforce/reward their dogs a number of times and still be eligible to compete.

The number of times varies depending on the Grade.

Once the test is completed, the competitor may further reinforce their dog, after completion. This is not considered part of the test.

However, if the rewarding of the dog is conducted after the test has been completed, but within the confines of the ring/working area, this is done in good faith and in process of exiting the ring.

In true BCOS spirit, this should be done in a manner that respects other competitors, judges and stewards, and not to encroach on the ring time excessively.

BCOS does not seek to police this, but trusts ALL BCOS participants act in accordance with BCOS guidelines and ethics.

No check chain, slip collars, harnesses (unless used for medical reasons) or head collars are permitted in the ring. Handlers should take reasonable care that their actions, or the actions of their dog, do not distract dogs working in the ring. No handler shall intentionally, or carelessly, interfere with, or distract any dog competing in any ring.

A dog shall be disqualified and removed from the show if it is:-

- a) A bitch, which is in season.
- b) Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- c) Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
- d) Of such temperament or is so much out of hand as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- e) Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

### Minimum Age of Dogs Competing at the Show

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Dogs entered to compete at the show must be at least 6 months old at the date of the show.

### Dogs allowed at the show

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Only persons entered at the show may bring other dogs with them (no age limit) but it will be entirely at their discretion/risk and all responsibility for their dog/s will be with the owner/s.

BCOS will not be held accountable under any circumstances.

People who have not entered the show will not be able to bring their dog/s unless by prior arrangement and agreed by The BCOS Team.

Anyone officiating at the event will be granted permission to bring their dog/s.

## **Event Cancellation**

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In the unfortunate situation that the event has to be cancelled, competitors shall be refunded their entry fee less reasonably incurred expenses. The refund method and timeframe shall be communicated to competitors within 14 days of the event being cancelled.

## **Booking Into Your Class(es)**

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Would all competitors please book into their class before their running order. There will be full running orders in each class and it is the competitors responsibility to communicate with the ring team if a clash of class running order occurs. This can be either verbally or by making a note next to your name on the Class List on the table.