



DOGS VICTORIA TOP OBEDIENCE DOGS OF THE YEAR 2018

Selection for the awards will be made on the following basis:

There will be a first place award for each class for community companion dog, novice, open, utility and utility dog excellent, with further awards for second and third place in each class.

The awards will consist of: gold dumbbell pin for first place, silver dumbbell pin for second place and a bronze dumbbell pin for third place.

For each class entered, **three** qualifying results are required.

Competitors will nominate qualifying scores gained between 1 June 2017 and 31 May 2018.

- * Scores will be submitted to a person nominated by the Obedience Tracking and Endurance Committee, (OTEC). OTEC will select the top finalists in each class based on the highest average scores
- * Closing date for submissions will be 30 June 2018
- * Photocopies of original score cards must be submitted, plus a completed entry form
- * Qualifying scores may be included, subject to the following restrictions:
 - * No more than two scores awarded by any one judge may be included
 - * All scores must be gained in Victoria
- * Competitors must reside in Victoria, be a financial member of Dogs Victoria, and the dog must be registered with an ANKC Ltd member body

Presentation of the awards will take place at the Dogs Victoria State Obedience Trial 2018.

Qualifiers will be notified that they are eligible for an award, but the final awards will not be announced until the presentation.

In the event of a tied score in any class:

Step 1 – Places will be decided by a comparison of the two highest individual scores. The competitor with the highest two scores will be declared the winner.

Step 2 - In the event of a tie still remaining, joint winners will be declared for that class, and no second or third placing will be awarded depending on which placing is tied.

Step 3 – In the event of a tie still resulting, it will be left to the discretion of the OTEC to count back any score.

Note: No more than three placings per class level will be awarded.

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DOGS VICTORIA TOP RALLY OBEDIENCE DOGS OF THE YEAR 2018

Competitors will nominate qualifying scores gained between 1 June 2017 and 31 May 2018.

Eligibility Criteria

- * Ten highest scores gained in rally obedience
- * Novice rally scores not eligible
- * Maximum of three advanced and three excellent scores may be included (total six) in the total of 10 required
- * The top ten teams will be invited to participate in the event
- * The order of judging will be lowest to highest average score over the ten scores

Event

- * A rally master course will be set up and used for the event
- * There will be a minimum of 20 stations excluding Start and Finish and will include all master class exercises and a maximum of 10 stationery exercises
- * The event will be judged by two rally licensed judges invited by OTEC to officiate
- * There will be a time keeper plus one other steward to take the lead and order "Forward" to commence each course
- * The highest score will be declared the winner
- * Should scores be tied on the day, then the fastest time will be declared the winner over the same score
- * If there is still a tie then there will be a re-run of only those dogs involved in the tie on the same course and they will be judged by the same officiating judges for a second time to decide the winner. The re-run will take place immediately the continuing tie has been verified
- * Competitors will nominate qualifying scores gained between 1 June 2017 and 31 May 2018
- * Scores will be submitted to a person nominated by the OTEC committee. OTEC will select the ten top finalists based on the highest average scores
- * Closing date for submissions will be 30 June 2018
- * Photocopies of original score cards must be submitted, plus a completed entry form
- * Qualifying scores may be included, subject to the following restrictions:
 - * No more than three scores awarded by any one judges may be included
 - * A maximum of three scores gained interstate may be included
- * Competitors must reside in Victoria, be a financial member of Dogs Victoria, and the dog must be registered with an ANKC Ltd member body

Final run off and presentation of the awards will take place at the Dogs Victoria State Rally Trials 2018

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