



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

AKC Obedience

News for our Obedience Judges & Clubs

Changes to Immediate Family Definition - Effective 12/1/18

At the October 2018 AKC Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved a change to the language in the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* for the definition of "Immediate Family" which becomes effective on December 1, 2018.

As a result of that change, at the November Board meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved the same definition of immediate family in the *Obedience Regulations, Rally Regulations, Tracking Regulations and Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)* to be consistent, as all four sports reference the definition of "Immediate Family" based on what is written in the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. This change to these Regulations becomes effective **December 1, 2018**.

CHAPTER 1 - OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS

General Regulations

Section 11. Immediate Family. As used in these regulations, "immediate family" means one's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

CHAPTER 1 - AKC RALLY REGULATIONS

General Regulations

Section 11. Immediate Family. As used in these regulations, "immediate family" means one's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

CHAPTER 1 - TRACKING REGULATIONS

General Regulations

Section 9. Immediate Family. As used in these regulations, "immediate family" means one's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

CHAPTER 1 - REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY TRIALS AND AGILITY COURSE TEST (ACT)

Regulations for Agility Trials

Section 31. Judges' Responsibilities. (Paragraph 7) No judge may judge a dog at a licensed or member club trial if he or she or any member of his or her family owns or co-owns the dog. The word "family" shall include a spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in family, or a household member of the judge in question, but shall not extend to other blood or legal relationships.