

Welcome to Companion Dog Sports Program, where obedience is fun again!

When I purchased the CSDP Obedience venue in 2010, my goal was to continue to promote inclusive, supportive and safe obedience events. I've taken feedback from exhibitors, judges and trial hosts to add to the obedience classes and exercises and improve the exhibitor experience. And I continue to look for ways to bring the sport to more people, in more parts of the country. Most importantly, I strive to keep the venue a fun place for exhibitors to test and show off their skills and teamwork.

- The registry continues to welcome pure-bred dogs, mixed breeds and dogs with disabilities to “strut their stuff.” In 2018, alone, we awarded approximately 400 titles across 14 states.
- We added a Starter Novice class for dogs just getting into the game and a Bonus Exercise in the Utility class to give teams the opportunity to add extra points to their score.
- Video trialing was added in 2017 to allow teams living in remote areas of the country to earn legs and titles, while enriching the relationship between dog and owner through continued obedience work.

Whether you're coming back to competition obedience or want to try it for the first time, CDSP can give you a challenging but fun experience in a relaxed atmosphere. I've been showing my dogs in CDSP since 2010 and wouldn't show in any other registry. It is, I believe, the venue your dog would choose.

I hope to see you in the ring soon,

~Sandi Ver Sprill
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What is more fun than training your dog? Testing their skills — and yours — in a friendly, safe environment.

What makes CDSP Competition Obedience different?

The program sanctions obedience trials where handlers and their dogs can earn titles in the Starter Novice, Novice, Open, Utility, and Versatility classes. Teams can earn titles and championships by collecting qualifying scores, not by winning placements.

CDSP was created using a combination of traditional competition obedience exercises and guidelines as well as feedback from exhibitors, trainers and judges across the country. The result is a registry that celebrates a natural style of competition obedience in a relaxed and celebratory atmosphere.

Why CDSP Competition Obedience?

CDSP is a natural style of competition obedience that provides a relaxed and fun experience for both handler and dog.

- Handlers are allowed and encouraged to praise their dog during most of the exercises. In addition, handler can deliver a small treat at the end of each exercise.
- Safety is important! There are never two dogs in the ring at the same time, eliminating concerns about the behavior level of other competitors' dogs.
- CDSP is accessible to more dogs and handlers. There is only one stay exercise, in the Novice class, which is done individually.
- Fun is built in! Several new and exciting exercises have been added to the Utility class, including a bonus exercise, which can add up to 20 points to a team's score.
- CDSP is accessible! All dogs, age 6 months or older—whether purebred, mixed breed and even dogs with disabilities—are eligible and encouraged to compete in CDSP Obedience Trials.
- CDSP supports traditional competition obedience. Training for traditional competition obedience? CDSP can help you establish a solid obedience foundation and build confidence for teams just starting out or moving up to more difficult levels.
- Veteran dogs can keep working! Veteran dogs enjoy staying in the game as much as any other competitor. CDSP allows veteran dogs to jump heights that are 2" lower than their normal jump height, keeping the sport safe for dogs of every age.



How to Join the CDSP Community

Visit the web site at www.companiondogsportsprogram.com.

1. Register your dog online
2. Review the Rules and Regulations
3. Find an Event in your area

CDSP currently boasts over 4,000 registered dogs in 14 states.

Can't find an event in or near your state?

Take advantage of our video titling program!



- Video registration is a separate part of the CDSP program but includes and judges the same exercises and classes.
- Exhibitors submit a video of their performance to an approved CDSP Judge and need to earn the same three qualifying runs, evaluated by at least two different judges.
- Get details on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cdspvideo/ or email the video coordinator at CDSPIvideo@gmail.com.

Who Can Host a Trial?

Any club, school or organization can and is encouraged to apply to host a sanctioned trial. Full details can be found on the web site at www.companiondogsportsprogram.com.

Where is CDSP located?

CDSP's Headquarters are at:

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