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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Rally Obedience is to demonstrate a dog's usefulness as a companion of mankind, not merely the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the ring. Dogs who participate in Rally are dogs that have been trained and conditioned to compete at Novice level and in the presence of other dogs.

The chief objective of Rally is to provide a fast-moving and motivational sport for both Handler and dog that demonstrates a Handler and dog's competency in basic Obedience exercises without requiring exact precision for success. Dogs in Rally events should demonstrate willingness and enjoyment. To that end, Handlers may use praise, encouragement and patting throughout the Rally course.

All participants in the Rally Classes are required to perform the same exercises in substantially the same way so that the quality of the various performances may be compared and scored.

Where referred to in the Rules the words Canine Control shall mean the Controlling Body in each State or Territory of Australia.

These Rules are binding on Member Bodies of ANKC Ltd

Interpretation of these Rules should not be necessary however should there be a need for individuals to seek clarification application must be made by the Canine Control to the appropriate Committee of ANKC Ltd, whose decision shall be binding.

TITLES

Class Titles:

All dogs eligible to be entered in Rally Obedience Trials in accordance with these Rules shall be eligible to receive Class Title Certificates upon qualification and application.

The Canine Control will receive applications for the use of the letters:

R.N. – signifying Rally Novice in connection with, and after the name of each dog, which shall be certified by Judges to have received three (3) qualifying scores of 70 or more points in the Rally Novice Class

R.A. – signifying Rally Advanced in connection with, and after the name of each dog, which shall be certified by Judges to have received three (3) qualifying scores of 70 or more points in the Rally Advanced Class

R.E. – signifying Rally Excellent in connection with, and after the name of each dog, which shall be certified by Judges to have received three (3) qualifying scores of 70 or more points in the Rally Excellent Class

R.A.E. – signifying Rally Advanced Excellent in connection with, and after the name of each dog, which shall be certified by Judges to have received ten (10) qualifying scores of 70 or more points in the Rally Advanced B Class and the Rally Excellent B Class at the same trial.

Only the Highest Rally Obedience Title awarded to the dog will be used after the name of the dog.

Applications for RN, RA, RE and RAE titles must be accompanied by Trial Certificates indicating qualifying scores under at least two different Judges.

Applications for all titles must be accompanied by the prescribed fee (where applicable) and, upon approval, a Certificate will be issued to the applicant authorising the use of the letters concerned.

CLASSES

All classes must be available for competition at the Trial and included on the Trial Schedule unless special permission is granted by the Canine Control. No classes other than the following shall be provided or withdrawn without the special permission of the Canine Control.

Qualifications up to and including the date of closing of entry shall count as eligibility to compete in any class.

Rally Novice Class – R.N.

Rally Novice

For Dogs six months of age or over and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of Rally Novice (RN). Under no circumstances except where an application for a RN Title has been rejected on a technicality, shall a dog which has competed in a Rally Advanced A Class be eligible to compete in the Rally Novice Class.

All exercises are judged on lead, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on lead.

Rally Novice must have between ten (10) – fifteen (15) stations (start and finish not included) with no more than five (5) stationary exercises per class.

Rally Advanced Class – R.A.

Rally Advanced A

This class shall be for dogs that have qualified for the Rally Novice (RN) Title but are not eligible for the Rally Advanced (RA) Title.

Rally Advanced B

This class shall be for dogs that have qualified for the Rally Advanced (RA) Title and may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.

All exercises are Judged off lead. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on lead.

Rally Advanced A and B must have between twelve (12) – seventeen (17) stations (start & finish not included) with no more than seven (7) stationary exercises per class. One (1) jump must be used in this class.

Rally Excellent Class – R.E.

Rally Excellent A

This class shall be for dogs that have qualified for the Rally Advanced (RA) Title, but are not eligible for the Rally Excellent (RE) Title.

Rally Excellent B

This class shall be for dogs that have qualified for the Rally Excellent (RE) Title and may continue to compete in this class indefinitely.

All exercises are Judged off lead except the Honor Exercise. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on lead.

Rally Excellent A and B must have between fifteen (15) – twenty (20) stations (start and finish not included) with no more than seven (7) stationary exercises per class. Two (2) jumps must be used in this class. Jumps may be a Broad Jump, Solid Jump, Bar Jump except that jumps may be between 1.2m and 2m wide. A station consists of a single jump. One or two types of jump may be used on the course. A single jump may be used in two stations. Jumps must not be used consecutively on the course.

Honor Exercise

An Honor Exercise must be included in the Rally Excellent Class. Prior to each class, the Judge will designate either the sit or the down for the Honor Exercise as well as the placement in the ring. The Handler will stand facing the dog. The Honor Exercise must not be in the path of the dog and Handler team that follows. Volunteer dogs will be used for both Honoring the first dog in the class and as a course run – through when the last dog performs the Honor Exercise.

After completing the course, each dog and Handler team may either re-enter through the finish gate, or they may proceed directly to the Honor Station. The dog must remain in the designated position to Honor the next team's entire course. This exercise must be performed on lead. For the Honor Exercise the Honor Steward will monitor each team, record the score and immediately report it to the Table Steward

In the Honor Exercise when the dog is left in the down position a dog lying on its side (dead dog position) does not incur a non-qualifying score but rather a 3 point deduction

The Honor exercise is included in the total count of exercises but is not included in the count of stationary exercises.

Rally Advanced Excellent Title – R.A.E.

Upon qualifying for the Rally Excellent Title, qualifying scores may be accumulated from the Rally Advanced B Class and the Rally Excellent B Class to earn the Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) Title.

In order to receive the RAE Title, a dog must qualify ten times in both Rally Advanced B Class and the Rally Excellent B Class at the same trial. The RAE Title will appear at the end of the dog's name and a numeric designation will indicate the number of times the dog has met RAE requirements ie: RAE2, RAE3 etc.

NOTES: An Exhibit which has gained sufficient awards to qualify for the title of RN, RA, or RE shall NOT be eligible to compete in a higher class at a Rally Trial until such time as the owner/s have lodged an application for recognition of the title with the Canine Control in the State or Territory in which the registered owner/s reside.

DECISIONS

Decisions of the Committee of the Affiliate conducting a trial shall be subject to appeal to the Canine Control in the State or Territory in which the Trial is conducted.

The Rules of the Canine Control shall apply to all Rally Obedience Trials and to any Affiliate conducting Rally Obedience Trials and in the event of any inconsistency, the Rules of the Canine Control shall prevail.

Anyone taking part in a trial who openly impugns the actions or decisions of the Judge shall render himself liable to be debarred from further participation in the trial and may be ordered from the grounds and further dealt with at the discretion of the Canine Control.

RINGS

Unless special permission of the Canine Control is obtained, the minimum size of an outdoor ring must be fifteen (15) metres by twenty five (25) metres. If the trial is held indoors the ring shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) metres by fifteen (15) metres. The non-slip floor covering or ground surface must be the same as would be suitable for an ANKC Ltd Obedience Trial.

EXHIBITS

Bitches in Oestrus:

Bitches in oestrus or showing a coloured discharge of any sort must not be permitted to compete in Trials or to remain within the precincts of a Trial.

Dogs Wearing Protective Clothing:

Protective clothing may be worn by the dog depending on prevailing weather conditions and at the discretion of the Judge.

Entry Number:

The Handler must be provided with the dog's catalogue number which must be worn where it can be clearly seen. In the case of multiple entry, only one entry number to be visible whilst in the ring.

Judging Ring:

No dog shall be permitted to enter or use the Trial Ring except whilst being Judged until the completion of all classes, unless with the permission of the affiliate conducting the Trial.

Removal of a Dog:

The Judge must order the removal and disqualification from all Trial Competition on the day any dog that attacks, and must lodge a report with the Canine Council. The Judge may order the removal from competition of any dog, which does not obey its Handler, any Handler who openly interferes wilfully with another competitor or a competitor's dog or whose behaviour is objectionable, and must exclude from competition any dog, which the Judge considers unfit or physically unable to compete.

Withdrawal of Dog:

A dog may be withdrawn during judging with the consent of the Judge, but must not take any further part in that class.

EXHIBITORS AND HANDLERS

Commands and Signals

Unlimited communication from the Handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalised. Unless otherwise specified in these Rules, Handlers may encourage their dog with verbal praise and patting. Where, in the opinion of the Judge, the Handler's touch is being used to physically guide or correct the dog, the dog must be non-qualified for failure to meet minimum requirements.

Multiple commands and / or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the Handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Where the dog is being substantially lured around the course, the dog must be non-qualified for failure to meet minimum requirements.

At any time during the performance, loud or harsh demands or intimidating signals will be penalised.

All verbal commands must be in the English Language unless approved otherwise by the Judge.

Dress Code:

Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs or bare feet) is required to be worn by the Handler in the ring.

Entering and Leaving the Ring:

On the Steward's call of the dog's catalogue number, the Handler will enter the Ring with the dog on lead and take up position at the "Start Station". In Exercises that require a dog to be off-lead, the lead will be taken off and handed to the Steward. All dogs must leave the Ring on a lead.

Heel Position:

The team of dog and Handler moves at a brisk pace, with the dog under control at the Handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and Handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect 'heel position' is not required to obtain a qualifying score.

Praise, Food and Patting:

While praise, encouragement and patting are allowed, dogs should remain under control. Patting is permitted for praise, but must not be used for putting or assisting the dog into position. A dog whose Handler takes food or other training aids into the ring at any time during the walkthrough or competition must be disqualified from that class.

Incorrectly Performed Station:

An Incorrectly Performed (IP) station occurs when a team attempts a station and fails to perform all the elements making up the station in the correct sequence as set out in the description of each sign and/or in the Point Deductions section of these Rules. However, where a team does not genuinely attempt all aspects of a station and then moves onto the next station, they will receive a non-qualifying score. **(Amended EM#075 – 02/14)**

Retry:

Where a team attempts a station and fails to perform the elements of the station correctly on the first attempt, the Handler may choose to retry that station with a three (3) point deduction. The Handler must clearly indicate to the Judge that they are about to retry the station. The station must be retried immediately, in its entirety in the correct position in relation to the station sign.

Retries are not allowed if a team has already committed an error that would result in a non-qualifying score for that station, or if it is specified in an exercise description that retries are not allowed.

Any deductions incurred as the Handler repeats the station are added to the -3 points already incurred for attempting the retry. If the Handler fails to perform the station correctly on the second attempt they will incur a total deduction of 13 points for that station.

A maximum of two (2) retries are allowed per run

JUDGING PROCEDURES

Judging Standard:

Rally is a sport in which the dog and Handler complete a course that has been designed in advance by the Rally Judge. The Judge tells the Handler to begin, and the dog and Handler heel through the designated course demonstrating the skills required at each station (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each station has a sign providing instructions regarding the skill that is to be performed.

Rally Rules give the Judge guidelines for how an exercise is to be performed. Rally Judges must make decisions based on a mental picture of the theoretically perfect performance within the framework of the Rally Rules. Rally Rules are the basic guide to judging.

Handler with Disabilities:

Handlers with disabilities may compete, provided such Handlers can move about the ring without physical assistance. The use of a wheelchair, crutches or cane is acceptable.

When necessary, an exercise may be modified in order to help the Handler execute the exercise, but the modification must not aid the performance of the dog. The dog is required to perform all parts of the exercises as described in these rules.

The heeling exercises are expected to be performed at a brisk pace and there must be a definite change of pace during the slow and fast portion. Failure to do the above will result in a penalty, the same as for any Handler. Proper heel position must be determined prior to the commencement of the exercises and this position should be maintained throughout.

A Handler who is blind may be assisted, if necessary, by the Judge or a person approved by the Judge to get from one exercise to another e.g. commands.

Qualifying Performance:

To qualify, a dog and Handler team must receive a minimum score of 70 points out of a possible perfect score of 100. Three (3) qualifying scores of 70 points or more must be earned under at least two different Judges in each class to earn a title. Scoring for all levels is based on a maximum score of 100 points.

Any faults in traditional Obedience that would be evaluated and scored as a one point deduction or more should be scored the same in Rally, unless otherwise mentioned in the "Rally Rules". There shall be no ½ point penalties in Rally.

Judge's Orders and Signals:

The Judge's orders will be, "Are you ready" followed by, "Forward." After the Judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered exercises correctly.

Catalogue Order:

Dogs must be judged in catalogue order to the extent that it is practical to do so. For the Advanced and Excellent classes, the Trial Secretary may arrange entries according to the dogs jump heights.

A Judge need not mark absentees in the Judge's score chart until the end of the class.

Awards and Placings:

For all Awards and Placings, a qualifying score will take precedence over a non-qualifying score.

Re-judging:

At the Judge's discretion if a dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar or unusual conditions the Judge may, at his own discretion, re-Judge the dog on the entire course.

Ties:

In the case of tied scores, the dog and Handler completing the course in the least amount of time will receive the higher placement and a plus (+) after the score. The original scores will not be changed. In the event that both the score and time are the same, the dog and Handler teams will repeat the course and will be Judged and timed again. Separating ties is only necessary to determine any awards made for a ring.

Scores:

Scores will be posted ringside after each dog and Handler team has completed the final exercise. Times will be recorded but not posted.

Scoring (all Classes):

The following deductions shall apply:

1 point deduction for each of the following:

- Tight lead
- Dog interfering with Handler's forward motion
- Poor sits, downs and stands
- Slow or resistant response
- Touching a jump, pylon or post or course distractions
- Out of position

3 point deduction for each of the following:

- Repeat of a station, maximum of two (2) re-tries allowed per run
- Pylon/post knocked over (on Figure Eight, Spiral and Serpentine) by a dog and/or handler
- Lack of control
- Loud command or intimidating signal
- Excessive barking
- Course distractions knocked over or dislodged
- Dead Dog position in the Honor Exercise

10 point deduction for each of the following:

- Incorrectly performed station
- Hitting the jump

1 to 10 point deduction:

- Lack of teamwork
- Lack of briskness
- Handler error

Non-qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- Minimum requirements not met
- Dog unmanageable, or uncontrolled barking
- Consistently tight lead
- Dog relieving itself in the ring
- Bar knocked off upright
- Handler error
- Station not attempted
- Using a jump as an aid in going over a jump

- Failure of a dog to go over a jump in the proper direction
- Not completing the Honor exercise
- Substantially out of Honor position

Disqualification:

No points awarded. The dog is disqualified from all Trial Competition on the day and the Judge must provide a written report to the Canine Control within 14 days - the only exception being in instances where the disqualification was incurred as a non qualifying score.

Timing:

All teams will be timed by either the Judge or the Steward. Times will be used only in the event of ties for a placement. Timing will begin when the Judge gives the order, 'Forward' and will end when both dog and Handler cross the finish line.

Calls:

Any Handler whose dog has passed the inspection/check in and does not answer the Ring Steward's third call must be marked 'Absent'.

Certificates:

A Rally Obedience Trial Certificate, signed by the Judge, showing the total number of points awarded, must be available to each qualifying exhibit in each Class.

Charts - Judging:

A properly compiled and separate Judging Chart must be provided for each Judge officiating at a Trial. Each Chart must be signed by the Judge who must personally enter the points on the Chart at the conclusion of each team completing the exercise. An outside judging chart will be provided to the Steward who shall keep this up to date during the running of the Class. (Times must not be posted)

It is the Judge's responsibility to see that Judging Charts are checked, scores correctly recorded, signed and delivered to a responsible Trial Official immediately each class is completed.

Individual score sheets (as shown in Appendix) will be provided by the Affiliate conducting the trial and made available to each Handler.

GUIDE TO JUDGES

A Judge must conduct himself in a manner that is fair and not prejudicial to the sport.

The responsibility for making the test interesting to the public and worthwhile to the Exhibitor is left to the Judge who must not permit the judging to be prolonged so that Handlers and those watching become bored and to cause competing dogs to tire. Judges must remember that they are judging the dogs on their ability to perform the tests set for them. Judges must not be too lenient in their marking of exhibits, as dogs should not attain their Titles upon work of poor quality.

Judge's Charts:

No person other than the Judge will make an entry in the Judge's Chart. The Judge will record the final scores in the Judge's Chart and mark the total time taken, initial any corrections and sign the Chart.

The Judge will post the course/courses outside the ring when the course has been built. The Judge may alter the course because of unforeseen ring conditions and post the changes. Prior to the scheduled judging time, the Judge should inspect the ring, which must meet all requirements of the Rally Rules.

RING PROCEDURE

Signs with an asterisk (numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19 and 34) may be used multiple times on a Rally course. Two of each of those signs must be available for the Judge's use. All other signs may only be used once on any course.

Stationary exercises are any signs indicating a 'Halt' or no forward motion.

Signs will be placed to the right of the Handler's path except for those indicating a change in direction, in which case the sign will be directly in front of the Handler.

Exercises using cones may require entry with the sign on the left. The sign will be placed at the first cone. Exact placements of signs are made by the Judge while laying out the course.

The course for each class will be posted at the ring prior to the familiarization time.

Except for exercises requiring entry with the sign on the left, exercises are performed near the designated signs, either directly in front, or in the front and to the left of said signs. (Sign 20 is performed just past the sign).

A 10 minute walk through for approximately each two hours of judging will be allowed for a maximum of twenty five (25) Handlers, without their dogs. After each two hour period of judging, Judges should allow an additional 10 minute walk through for the next two hour block of dogs to be judged in the class.

When the same course is used for A and B classes, the Judge may choose to combine the classes for the walk through time. The Judge must be available in the ring during this period to answer any questions the Handlers might have. The Judge may also choose to brief the Handlers on the course during this period.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment must be provided by the club hosting the event.

Collars and Leads:

The minimum length of lead will be 750 mm and it will be fitted with a quick release fastener. The lead must be made of fabric or leather and must be long enough to provide adequate slack. All dogs must have a slip or fixed collar which fits only the dog's neck and which must remain on the dog at all times. No spiked collars or collars which give additional head control shall be permitted. All dogs must enter and leave the Ring on a lead. In exercises that require a dog to be off-lead, the lead will be taken off and handed to the Steward at the Start Station.

Honor Lead:

A lead of 2 metres in length, fitted with a quick release fastener may be supplied by the Affiliate for the Honor station. The lead must be made of fabric or leather and may be used by the Handler.

Signs and Holders:

The designated wording and symbols must be used. Signs must be a minimum of 210mm x 297mm and a maximum of 210 mm x 450mm. Weather conditions should be considered when securing signs and holders.

Colours used for the signs are optional.

Twenty (20) exercise sign holders are required plus one for each Start and Finish signs.

All sign holders or signs (not including those for Start and Finish) will be clearly and sequentially numbered on the course, with numbers approximately 75mm high.

Other Equipment:

At least four pylons, cone markers or posts must be provided for Exercises #21 – 24 and two secure containers of treats and or toys as distractions for Exercise #39.

Jumps:

It is the Judge's responsibility to see that jumps are set for each dog in accordance with these Rules. All jumps must be painted white or a very light colour, unless otherwise stipulated.

Calculation of the Height and Width of Jumps:

The dog's height shall be measured at the withers to the nearest 10mm. The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form.

Height of Dog at Withers	Height to be jumped	Broad Jump	No. of Broad Jump Hurdles
Under 250mm	150mm	300mm	2
250mm and under 380mm	200mm	400mm	2
380mm and under 500mm	300mm	600mm	3
500mm and over	400mm	800mm	3

Bar Jump:

The Bar Jump must consist of two uprights 1200 mm high and a bar approximately 35 mm in diameter. The bar must be coloured black and white alternate sections of about 100 mm and be between 1.2 and 2 metres in length. The Jump will be adjustable for height. Side post adjustment to be constructed so as the bar will fall off if hit hard enough, in either direction.

Broad Jump:

The Broad Jump must consist of three separate hurdles between 1.2 metres and 2 metres wide and 150 mm high at the highest point. For convenience, the three jumps may be built to telescope. When decreasing the number of hurdles in the jump, the highest hurdle will be removed first.

Solid Jump:

The Solid Jump must consist of two grooved uprights 1200 mm high between 1.2 metres and 2 metres wide and fill in boards of several sizes so as to provide adjustment up to 400 mm. The height in millimetres must be painted clearly on each side of each board in black figures. The figure on the baseboard must represent the distance from the ground to the top of the board and may be marked 'baseboard'. Suggested size of the boards 1 x 250 mm, 1 x 150 mm, 1 x 100 mm, 1 x 50 mm, 1 x 25mm combined to make each dogs required jump height.

Trial Procedures

Schedule:

After each two hour period of class judging, Judges will allow a 10 minute walk through for the next two hour block of dogs to be judged in the class. The 10 minute walk through must be included in the scheduled judging times.

Catalogue:



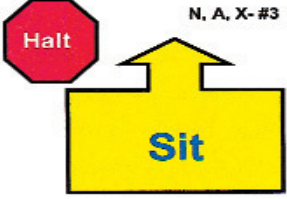
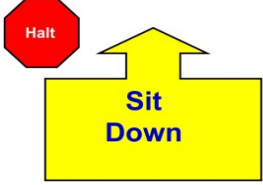
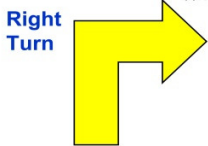
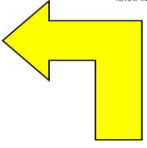
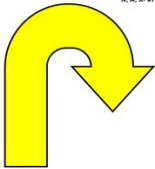
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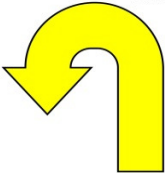
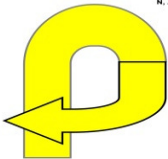




APPENDIX A***Appendix A - Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations:***






General Regulations:


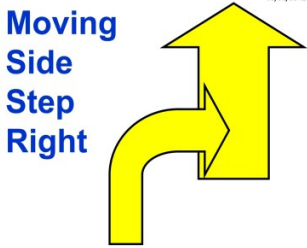

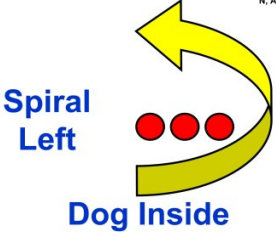
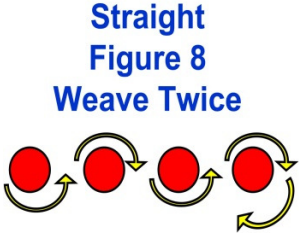
- Heeling is from sign to sign in a continuous performance. Heeling from sign to sign is Judged. A minimum deduction will be one point.
- Handlers may praise and pat their dogs, repeating commands and signals if necessary.
- The Novice Class is performed on lead, using exercises 1-31. It consists of 10-15 exercises (not including Start and Finish), uses a maximum of 5 stationary exercises.
- The Advanced Class is performed off lead, using exercises 1-45. It consists of 12-17 exercises (not including Start and Finish) uses a maximum of 7 stationary exercises and requires one jump.
- The Excellent Class is performed off lead (except for the Honor) using exercises 1-50. It consists of 15-20 exercises (including the Honor exercise but not including Start and Finish) and uses a maximum of 7 stationary exercises and requires two jumps.
- Exercises marked with an asterisk (*) may be used more than once on a Rally course.
- Scoring – Each team begins with 100 points. A qualifying performance is a score of 70 points or better and all stations must be attempted.
- The performance is timed.

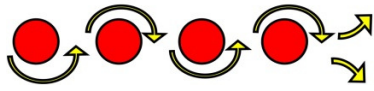
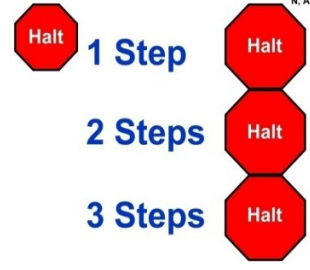

The following exercises may be used in Novice, Advanced and Excellent Classes:


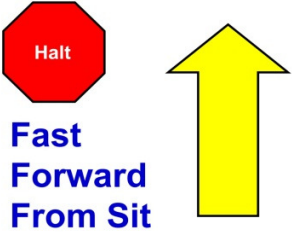
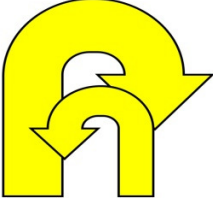

<p>1. Start - Indicates the beginning of the course. Dog does not have to be sitting at start but must be under effective control.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#1</p> 
<p>2. Finish - Indicates the end of the course - timing stops.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#2</p> 
<p>3. Halt - Sit - While heeling, the Handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. The team then moves forward, with the dog in heel position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#3</p> 
<p>4. Halt – Sit - Down - While heeling, the Handler halts and the dog sits. The Handler then commands and/or signals the dog to down, followed by the command to heel forward from the down position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#4</p> 
<p>5. * Right Turn - Performed as a 90° turn to the right, as in traditional obedience.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#5</p> 
<p>6. * Left Turn - Performed as a 90° turn to the left, as in traditional obedience.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#6</p> 
<p>7. *About Turn - Right - While heeling, the team makes a 180° about turn to the Handler's right.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#7</p> 



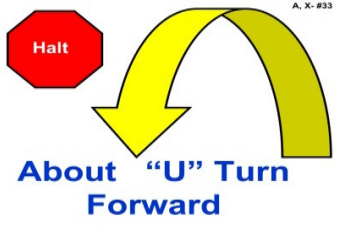
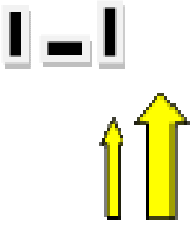
<p>8. *About “U” Turn - While heeling, the team makes a 180° turn to the Handler’s left.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N, A, X-#8</small></p> <p>About “U” Turn </p>
<p>9. *270° Right Turn - While heeling, the team makes a 270° turn to the Handler’s right. 270° turns are performed as a tight circle appropriate to the size of the dog, but not around the exercise sign.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N, A, X-#9</small></p> <p>270° Right </p>
<p>10. *270° Left Turn - While heeling, the team makes a 270° turn to the Handler’s left. 270° turns are performed as a tight circle appropriate to the size of the dog but not around the exercise sign.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N, A, X-#10</small></p> <p>270° Left </p>
<p>11. 360° Right Turn - While heeling, the team makes a 360° turn to the Handler’s right. 360° turns are performed as a tight circle appropriate to the size of the dog but not around the exercise sign.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N, A, X-#11</small></p> <p>360° Right </p>
<p>12. 360° Left Turn - While heeling, the team makes a 360° turn to the Handler’s left. 360° turns are performed as a tight circle appropriate to the size of the dog but not around the exercise sign.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N, A, X-#12</small></p> <p>360° Left </p>
<p>13. Call Dog Front - Finish Right - Forward - While heeling, the Handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (dog sits in front and faces the Handler). The Handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front position. Second part of the exercise directs the Handler to command and/or signal the dog to change from the front position by moving to the Handler’s right, around behind the Handler, toward heel position. As the dog clears the Handler’s path, the Handler moves forward before the dog has completely returned to the heel position. The dog does not sit before moving forward in heel position with the Handler. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N, A, X-#13</small></p> <p>Call Front Finish Right Forward </p>

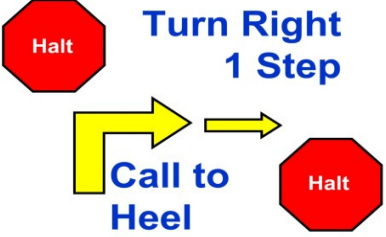

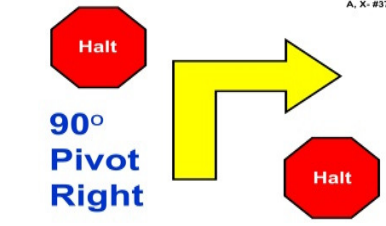
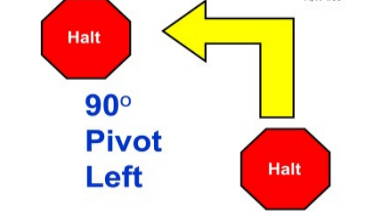
<p>14. Call Dog Front - Finish Left - Forward - While heeling, the Handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (dog sits in front and faces the Handler). The Handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front position. Second part of the exercise directs the Handler to command and/or signal the dog to change from the front position by moving to the Handler's left toward heel position. As the dog clears the Handler's path, the Handler moves forward before the dog has completely returned to the heel position. The dog does not sit before moving forward in heel position with the Handler. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#14</p> 
<p>15. Call Dog Front - Finish Right - Halt - While heeling, the Handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (dog sits in front and faces the Handler). The Handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to sit in the front position. Second part is the finish to the right, where the dog must return to heel position by moving around the right side of the Handler. Dog must sit in heel position before moving forward with the Handler. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#15</p> 
<p>16. Call Dog Front – Finish Left - Halt While heeling, the Handler stops his/her forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (dog sits in front and faces the Handler). The Handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to a sit in front position. The second part is the finish to the left where the dog must move to the Handler's left, and sits in the heel position. Dog must sit in the heel position before moving forward with the Handler. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#16</p> 
<p>17. *Slow Pace - Dog and Handler must slow down noticeably. This must be followed by a normal pace unless it is the last station on the course.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#17</p> 
<p>18. * Fast Pace - Dog and Handler must speed up noticeably. This must be followed by a normal pace unless it is the last station on the course.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N. A. X-#18</p> 

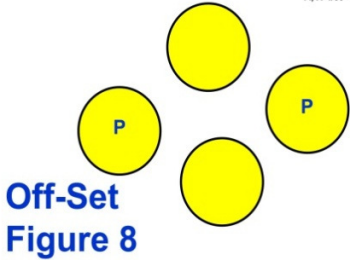
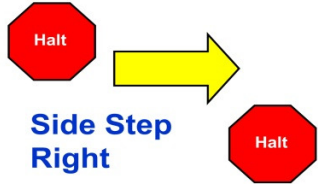
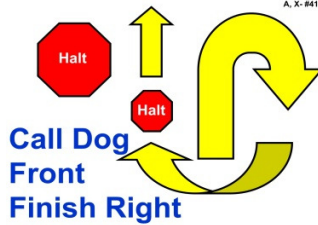

<p>19. * Normal Pace - Dog and Handler must move forward, walking briskly and naturally.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N. A. X-#19</small></p> 
<p>20. Moving Sidestep Right - While heeling, the Handler takes one step diagonally to the right, leading with the right foot, and continues moving forward along the newly established line. The dog moves with the Handler. The exercise shall be performed just after the exercise sign.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N. A. X-#20</small></p> 
<p>21. Spiral Right - Dog Outside - This exercise requires three pylons or posts placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 2.0 – 2.5 metres. Spiral Right indicates the Handler must turn to the right when moving around each pylon or post. This places the dog on the outside of the turns. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first pylon or post where the spiral is started.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N. A. X-#21</small></p> 
<p>22. Spiral Left - Dog Inside - This exercise requires three pylons or posts placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 2.0 – 2.5 metres. Spiral Left indicates that the Handler must turn to the left when moving around each pylon or post. This places the dog on the inside of the turns. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first pylon or post where the spiral is started.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N. A. X-#22</small></p> 
<p>23. Straight Figure 8 Weave Twice - This exercise requires four pylons or posts placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 2.0 – 2.5 metres. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first pylon or post where the exercise is started. Entry into the weaving pattern is with the first pylon or post at the dog/Handler's left side. The dog and Handler must complete the entire exercise by passing the last pylon or post.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>N. A. X-#23</small></p> 

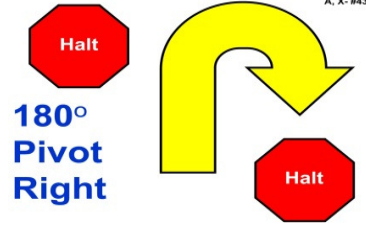
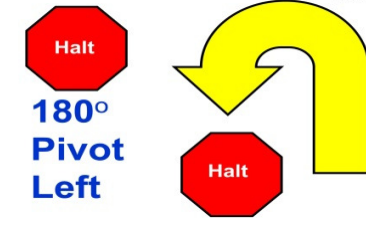
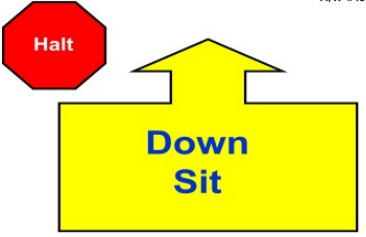
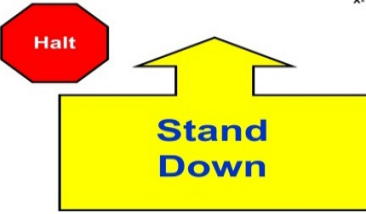
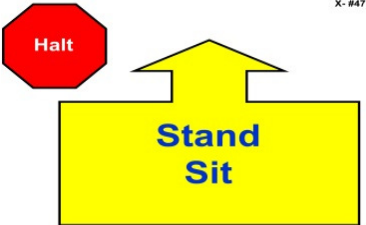
<p>24. Serpentine Weave Once - This exercise requires pylons or posts placed in a straight line with spaces between them of approximately 2.0 – 2.5 metres. The exercise sign is placed near or on the first pylon or post where the exercise starts. Entry into the weaving pattern is with the first pylon or post at the dog/Handler’s left side. The dog and Handler must complete the entire exercise by passing the last pylon or post. It should be noted that in this exercise, the team does not weave back through the obstacles as they do in the Straight Figure 8.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serpentine Weave Once</p> 
<p>25. Halt - 1, 2 and 3 Steps Forward - The Handler halts and the dog sits in heel position to begin the exercise. The Handler takes one step forward and halts with the dog maintaining heel position. The dog sits when the Handler halts. This is followed by two steps forward - halt, and three steps forward - halt, with the dog heeling each time the Handler moves forward and sitting each time the Handler halts. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #25</p> 
<p>26. Call Front - 1, 2 and 3 Steps Backward - While heeling, the Handler stops forward motion and calls the dog to the front position (dog sits in front and faces the Handler). The Handler may take several steps backward as the dog turns and moves to a sit in the front position. With the dog in the front position, the Handler takes one step backward and halts. The dog moves with the Handler and sits in the front position as the Handler halts. This is followed by the Handler taking two steps backward and a halt, and three steps backward and a halt. Each time, the dog moves with the Handler to the front position and sits as the Handler halts. The Handler then commands and/or signals the dog to resume heel position. As the dog clears the Handler’s path, the Handler moves forward before the dog has completely returned to the heel position. The dog does not sit before moving forward in heel position with the Handler. (Stationary exercise).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call Front</p> 




<p>27. Moving - Down - While moving with the dog in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to down as the Handler comes to a stop next to the dog. Once the dog is completely down, the Handler moves forward, commanding the dog to move forward from down position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #27</p> 
<p>28. Halt - Fast Forward from Sit - The Handler halts and the dog sits in heel position. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to heel and immediately moves forward at a fast pace. This must be followed by a normal pace unless it is the last station on the course. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #28</p> 
<p>29. Left About Turn - While moving with the dog in heel position, the Handler makes an about turn to the left, while at the same time, the dog must move around the Handler to the right and into heel position. The dog does not sit before moving forward in heel position with the Handler.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #29</p> 
<p>30. Halt - Walk Around Dog - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to stay, then proceeds to walk around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The Handler must pause in heel position before moving forward to the next station. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #30</p> 

<p>31. Halt - Down - Walk Around Dog - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to down and stay, then proceeds to walk around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The Handler must pause in heel position before moving forward to the next station. The dog heels forward from the down position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">N, A, X- #31</p> 
<p>32. Halt - About Turn Right and Forward - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the team turns 180° to the right and immediately moves forward. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A, X- #32</p> 
<p>33. Halt - About "U" Turn and Forward - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the team turns 180° to the left and immediately moves forward. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A, X- #33</p> 
<p>34. *Send Over Jump - Handler Passes By - While moving with the dog in heel position, the Handler directs the dog to take the jump as the Handler passes by the jump without any pause, hesitation or stopping. The Handler may increase speed or run while passing by the jump. When the dog has completed the jump in the proper direction, it is called to heel position and the team continues to the next exercise.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Send Over Jump</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Handler Passes By</p>

<p>35. Halt - Turn Right One Step - Call to Heel - Halt - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to stay. The Handler then turns to the right, while taking one step in that direction, and halts. The dog is directed to heel position and must move and sit in the new location before moving forward to the next station. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A, X- #35</p> 
<p>36. Halt - Stand Dog - Walk Around - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler stands the dog commands and/or signals the dog to stay as the Handler walks around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The Handler must pause in heel position before moving forward to the next station. In the Advanced Class, the Handler may touch the dog, move forward to stand the dog, and may pose the dog as in the show ring. The Handler may not physically assist the dog to move into the stand. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A, X- #36</p> 
<p>37. Halt - 90° Pivot Right - Halt - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler pivots 90° to the right & halts. The dog moves with the Handler and sits in heel position. The Handler is required to pivot by turning in place. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A, X- #37</p> 
<p>38. Halt - 90° Pivot Left - Halt - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler pivots 90° to the left and halts. The dog moves with the Handler and sits in heel position. The Handler is required to pivot by turning in place. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A, X- #38</p> 

<p>39. Offset Figure 8 - This exercise requires two pylons or posts placed about 2.45 – 3.00 metres apart, around which the team will perform a complete Figure 8, crossing the centre line three times. Two distractions will be arranged to the sides of the Figure 8 about 1.55 – 1.85 metres apart. Entry may be between the pylons or posts and the distraction on either side. The distractions will consist of two securely covered containers with tempting dog treats; however, dog toys may replace one or both containers, or may be placed next to the containers. The exercise sign may be placed on or near the cone where entry is made into the Offset Figure 8.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. X-#39</p>  <p>Off-Set Figure 8</p>
<p>40. Halt - Side-step Right – Halt - The Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler moves one step directly to the right and halts. The dog moves with the Handler and sits in heel position when the Handler halts. The exercise shall be performed just past the exercise sign. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. X-#40</p>  <p>Side Step Right</p>
<p>41. Halt - Call Dog Front - Finish Right - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler calls the dog to front and the dog sits in the front position, facing the Handler. On command, the dog then moves from the front position around the right of the Handler and sits in heel position. Handler must not step forward or backward to aid the dog during the exercise. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. X-#41</p>  <p>Call Dog Front Finish Right</p>
<p>42. Halt - Call Dog Front - Finish Left - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler calls the dog to front and the dog sits in the front position facing the Handler. On command, the dog then moves to the Handler's left and sits in heel position. Handler must not step forward or backward to aid dog during exercise. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. X-#42</p>  <p>Call Dog Front Finish Left</p>

<p>43. Halt - 180° Pivot Right - Halt - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler pivots 180° to the right and halts. The dog moves with the Handler and sits in heel position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. X- #43</p> 
<p>44. Halt - 180° Pivot Left - Halt - Handler halts and dog sits. With the dog sitting in heel position, the Handler pivots 180° to the left and halts. The dog moves with the Handler and sits in heel position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. X- #44</p> 
<p>45. Halt - Down - Sit - Handler halts and dog sits. With dog sitting in heel position, the Handler commands and/or signals the dog to down, then to sit. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A. X- #45</p> 
<p>46. Halt - Stand - Down - Handler halts and dog sits. With dog sitting in heel position, the Handler will stand the dog (without physical handling or moving forward), then command and/or signal the dog to down. The Handler then commands and/or signals the dog to heel forward from the down position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">X- #46</p> 
<p>47. Halt - Stand - Sit - Handler halts and dog sits. With dog sitting in heel position, the Handler will stand the dog (without physical handling or moving forward), then command and/or signal the dog to sit. The Handler then commands and/or signals the dog to heel forward from the sitting position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">X- #47</p> 

<p>48. Moving Stand - Walk Around Dog - While heeling and without pausing, the Handler will stand the dog and walk around the dog to the left, returning to heel position. The Handler must pause in heel position after returning to the dog. Dog must move forward from the standing position. (Stationary exercise)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>X- #48</small></p> 
<p>49. Backup 3 Steps - While heeling, the Handler reverses direction walking backward at least 3step, without first stopping, then continues heeling forward. The dog moves backward with the Handler and maintains heel position throughout the exercise without sitting.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>X- #49</small></p> 
<p>50. Honor- This exercise shall be performed on lead. Upon arriving at the Honor exercise station, the Handler will command and/or signal his dog to sit or down as directed. When the Judge commands and/or signals the next Handler to begin the course with the order "Forward," the Honor Handler will command and/or signal the dog to stay and leave the dog, moving forward to the end of a 2 metre lead, turn and stand facing the dog. The Handler will remain in that location until the Honor steward advises they can return to the dog. The dog performing the Honor exercise must remain in the designated sit or down position without moving from that location. The command "Exercise Finished" from the steward will be given when the dog and Handler running the course cross the finish line. At that time, the exercise is finished and the Handler will return to the dog. The Honor exercise must not be in the path of the dog and Handler team that follows.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>X- #50</small></p> 

APPENDIX B

ANKC LTD RALLY OBEDIENCE JUDGE'S CHART

Club:

Date:

Class:

Judge:

Cat no.	Time	Points Lost	Score (/100)	Q (place)

Cat no.	Time	Points Lost	Score (/100)	Q (place)

Signature of Judge:

ANKC LTD RALLY OBEDIENCE SCORE SHEET - INDIVIDUAL

CLASS.....

TIMECATALOGUE NUMBER

JUMP HEIGHT

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.

POINTS DEDUCTED TOTAL SCORE.....

<p>1 POINT TIGHT LEAD DOG INTERFERING WITH HANDLER'S FORWARD MOTION POOR SITS, DOWNS AND STANDS SLOW OR RESISTANT RESPONSE TOUCHING A JUMP, PYLON OR POST OUT OF POSITION</p> <p>3 POINTS REPEAT OF STATION PYLON / POST KNOCKED OVER IN FIGURE EIGHT, SPIRAL OR SERPENTINE BY A DOG AND/OR HANDLER</p> <p>LACK OF CONTROL LOUD COMMAND OR INTIMIDATING SIGNAL EXCESSIVE BARKING DEAD DOG POSITION IN HONOR EXERCISE COURSE DISTRACTIONS KNOCKED OVER OR DISLODGED</p> <p>10 POINTS INCORRECTLY PERFORMED STATION HITTING THE JUMP</p>	<p>1-10 POINTS LACK OF TEAMWORK LACK OF BRISKNESS HANDLER ERROR</p> <p>NON-QUALIFYING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS NOT MET DOG UNMANAGEABLE OR UNCONTROLLED BARKING CONSISTENTLY TIGHT LEAD DOG RELIEVING ITSELF IN THE RING BAR KNOCKED OFF UPRIGHT STATION NOT ATTEMPTED USING A JUMP AS AN AID FOR GOING OVER A JUMP FAILURE OF A DOG TO GO OVER JUMP IN PROPER DIRECTION NOT COMPLETING THE HONOR EXERCISE SUBSTANTIALLY OUT OF HONOR POSITION HANDLER ERROR</p>
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