

The Kennel Club has approved the following changes to the regulations for rally.

The below regulation has been amended to ensure clarity around what is expected when a competition is cancelled.

Amendment to Regulation S8.e

To:

1. Any cancellation or abandonment of a competition without prior permission of the Board must be reported in writing to the Kennel Club without delay, **and must be carried out in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club published event cancellation policy.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

The below regulation has been added to allow competition organisers the choice of how they wish to accept entries.

Additional Regulation S11.a

To:

Societies have discretion to accept online entries only, postal entries only, or both online and postal entries. Schedules must clearly state the way in which entries may be made.

(Insertion in bold. Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

The below regulation has been amended to clarify the criteria for judging a Level 1 or Level 2 class.

Amendment to Regulation S19.b(1).

To:

Before judging a Level 1 or Level 2 class at an Open Rally competition a judge must have:

1. handled a dog and achieved ~~the a~~ **Level 1 or 2** Title ~~for the Level which he or she is judging,~~

(Insertion in bold. Deletions struck through)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

The below regulation has been amended to clarify when the judging of the bonus exercise commenced.

Amendment to Regulation S(B)3.h

To:

Finish Timing concludes as the dog/handler team crosses the Finish line. If the dog/handler team has not chosen to perform the Bonus exercise, judging concludes as the dog/handler team crosses the Finish line. If the dog/handler team has chosen to perform the Bonus exercise, judging will conclude after the dog/handler team completes the exercise. Once a dog/handler team has crossed the Finish line the handler is permitted to release the dog from the heel position and to physically praise and play with their dog prior to undertaking the Bonus exercise **which commences as the dog/handler team pass the Bonus sign.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2022)

The below regulation has been amended to ensure that those who undertake the role of Rally Chief Steward is suitably qualified.

Amendment to Regulation S(D).

To:

1. Authority/responsibilities.

1. A chief steward should have appropriate competitive Rally experience, a sound knowledge of the Kennel Club Rules and S Regulations, and a familiarity with the Kennel Club complaints procedure.

2. Before agreeing to serve as a Chief Steward at a Kennel Club licensed Rally competition a chief steward must have:

- 1. attended a Kennel Club Rally Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination every five years since passing the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.**
- 2. attended a Kennel Club Rally Practical Judging Seminar.**
3. A chief steward's responsibilities are to ensure that competitors and judges at all times abide by the Kennel Club Rules and S Regulations.
4. A chief steward acts as decision maker in all matters relating to the Kennel Club Rules and S Regulations for the duration of the show.
5. A chief steward must fully document all decisions and actions taken in relation to the S Regulations in the show's Kennel Club Incident Book.
6. A chief steward supports the show management team in the smooth running of the show.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective date: 1 January 2022)