



## RALLY – COMBINED SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

from Kennel Club Working Party Meetings 24 January 2023 and 07 June 2023

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1.	Membership of the Working Party	It had been noted that Ms J Prince had resigned from the Working Party. An advertisement had been published for her replacement on the Rally Working Party, Dr Kathleen Daly had duly been approved to join the working party.	All to note
2.	Regulation amendments	<p>The Board, at its meeting held on 22 November 2022, approved the following amendments to S Regulations:</p> <p>Regulation S(C)51  <b>TO:</b>            51. <b>MOVING SEND AROUND.</b> Whilst heeling the handler sends the dog clockwise around behind them as though in a right finish, <del>the handler may pause to allow the dog to regain the heel position, as the dog returns to heel</del> <b>the dog must be allowed to regain the heel position before the handler and dog heel forward.</b> The dog does not sit. This should be a flowing movement.            (Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)</p> <div data-bbox="1003 826 1285 1027" data-label="Image" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)            (Effective 1 January 2023)</p> <p>Regulation K3e. <i>Rally Warrants</i>  <b>TO:</b>            A Rally Warrant will be issued on application by the registered owner at the time of qualification in respect of a dog that has obtained the following:            (1) <del>a Rally title at all levels</del>            (2) a Rally Level 6 Excellent title            (3) an additional 3 excellent scores at Level 6, which must be gained after 1 January 2021            The title “RW” may be used after the name of the dog on competition entries</p>	Competitors, judges and competition organisers to note



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		<p>and in catalogues. The RW title will replace the RL6-Ex after the dog's name.            (Deletion struck through)            (Effective 1 January 2023)</p> <p>The Board, at its meeting held on 10 May 2023, approved the following amendments to S Regulations:</p> <p>Regulation S(B)5.f.  <b>TO:</b>  <del>In Levels 1 and 2 when an exercise requires more than one sign to complete, each exercise sign should be listed on the Judge's score sheet. Each sign should be scored separately. In Level 3 and above where an exercise requires multiple signs, this is scored as 1 exercise on the judges score sheet.</del>            (Deletion struck through)            (Subsequent paragraph to be renumbered)            (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S22.c.  <b>TO:</b>  <b>All dogs must enter and leave the judging ring on lead. When in use, one end of the lead must be attached to a ring on the dog's collar and the other should be held in the handler's hand(s), except for when performing Bonus Exercises 4 or 5 where the handler has chosen for their dog to drag the lead.</b>            (Insertion in bold)            (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S20.b.(3)  <b>TO:</b>            Have <del>attended</del> <b>completed</b> a Kennel Club Rally Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.            (Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)            (Effective 1 January 2024)</p>	



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		<p>Regulation S(B)2. Course Design</p> <p><b>TO:</b></p> <p>The following guidelines must be observed by judges when designing courses.</p> <p>The layout of the course depends partly on the positioning of doors and fittings which should be considered when planning. A judge must be familiar with the venue surface before planning any jumping exercises for Levels 3 4-6.</p> <p>(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)</p> <p>(Effective 1 January 2024)</p>	
3.	Resources for Chief Stewards	<p>The Working Party noted an updated document, The Guidance for Chief Stewards, which would be uploaded to The Kennel Club website. This information can be found here: <a href="#">Rally secretary information   Activities   Kennel Club (thekennelclub.org.uk)</a></p> <p>The document would, in due course, also accompany the seminar for Chief Rally Stewards.</p>	Chief Stewards and competition organisers to note
4.	Accredited Trainers for rally	<p>It was confirmed that a need for additional Accredited Trainers for Rally were required. An advertisement was published and additional trainers were assessed in September. The newly approved Accredited Trainers for Rally are Adrian Dornford-Smith and Nikki Kirk.</p>	All to note
5.	Chief Rally Steward/Competition secretary	<p>The Working Party considered whether it was necessary to clarify regulations, or restate guidance, as to whether it was acceptable for a single individual to undertake the role of Competition Secretary and Chief Rally Steward at the same event.</p> <p>It was accepted that a competition secretary needed to devote time to running the competition and would find it very difficult to divide their attention between two or more official functions.</p> <p>The Working Party recommended that Clubs encourage each official to focus on their selected official duties for the entire event. This would ensure that each position was fulfilled to the best of their ability. Official roles were noted to be</p>	Chief Rally Stewards, Judges and competition secretaries/organisers to note



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		<p>Chief Rally Steward, Competition Secretary and Judge.</p> <p>It was agreed that whilst the roles of judge and scribe could not be undertaken at the same time, if a judge was officiating at a competition in the morning, nothing would prevent them from being a scribe for a class in the afternoon.</p>	
6.	The use of the Incident Book	<p>The Working Party wished to remind all participants that the Incident Book should be used to record any occurrence at a competition which was out of the ordinary, even if resolved on the day. Reporting such matters allowed the office to maintain a record of such incidents should it be required for later use.</p> <p>Chief Stewards would also be reminded, through training courses, of the purpose and correct use of the incident book.</p>	All to note
7.	Tracking devices	<p>The Working Party discussed the use of tracking devices on collars and did not see any reason for the tracking device to be worn whilst the dog was competing.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> ‘Regulation S22.h. states: ‘Dogs must compete in a buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes, harnesses, slip leads, check and half-check collars are not allowed. A medicated collar may also be worn in the ring.’</p>	Competitors and Judges to note
8.	10-Year Anniversary of Kennel Club Rally	<p>2023 saw the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Kennel Club licensed rally competition. A display was undertaken in the main ring at Crufts incorporating several of the original competitors and judges. A 3-day show was held over Easter to celebrate the anniversary.</p>	All to note
9.	Activities Health and Welfare Sub-Group	<p>In providing guidance for event organisers in relation to mitigating adverse weather conditions, including heat, the office had purchased three wet bulb thermometers which would be available for use at licensed events.</p> <p>A guidance document in respect of anxious dogs had been presented to the Sub-Group and it was confirmed that the document was with The Kennel Club’s Legal Department to approve the wording for publication.</p>	Competition organisers to note



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10.	Judges' Age	A query was raised regarding the minimum age for juniors to judge, it was noted that there was no minimum age, however, the person must be qualified and command the respect of the competitors. It was suggested that if a young person was invited to judge they should be allocated an experienced scribe.	Competition organisers to note
11.	Next meeting	The Working Party's next meeting will take place on 23 January 2024. Any agenda items must be submitted three weeks prior to the meeting date i.e. by December 2023. Late submissions will not be included.  Regulation changes for 2024 will be announced in due course.	All to note