



Schedule of Open Rally Competition

(to be held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations S & licensed by the Kennel club Limited)

Venue

Northumberland Canine Centre
West Moor, Felton
Northumberland
NE65 9QE
Sunday 6th July 2025

Show opens 8.30am
First walk through 9.00am (approx)
Judging starts 9.30am (approx)
(Afternoon classes Walk through not before 12.00pm)
(Class times and allocations will be posted online at
www.rallynews.co.uk & Rally News)

The officers and committee members of the society/or the licence holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the competition safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate it's powers subject to the conditions of Regulations S29. In doing so those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the competition and that this is a binding undertaking.

Show Secretary: Sharon Dunn

9 The Village, Christon Bank, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 3EY
email: sharondunn1560@gmail.com Tel: 07864509276 (before 9pm please)

Chief Steward: Vicky Hunter

Entries close: 15th June 2025

(all qualifications gained up to and including 9th June 2025 count towards eligibility for this competition)

ENTRY FEE £7.50 (per dog per class)- NFC entries free

Postal and email entries with the correct fees to be sent to the Show Secretary (details above) Cheques to be made payable to: **Northumberland Canine Centre**

BAC'S payments to Sort; 30-90-13. Acct; 00440804

Please note different pay details for Saturday show at same venue

Vet on Call:

Alnorthumbria Veterinary Practice, Wagonway Rd, Alnwick NE66 1QQ 01665 510999
(Owners are responsible for any expenses incurred)

**Please note: Gunshot may be heard from this venue.
Small aircraft may also be seen and heard.**

Judges

LEVEL 1	Carolyn Barbour
LEVEL 2	Kate Draper
LEVEL 3	Helen Belcher
LEVEL 4	Ann Lee
LEVEL 5	Adele Whittemore
LEVEL 6	Ann Lee

Reserve judges will be appointed where necessary.

**Training ring will be available throughout the show, donations towards
Northern Rally Team**

**PLEASE PARK WHERE DIRECTED
BY STEWARD**

Dogs must be kept on leads at all times, unless competing.

Please remember to respect all other users of this venue clean up after your dog and use the bins provided.

Hot & cold food and drinks will be available on-site all-day

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperature and even on days considered slightly warm.

If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

Directions to venue -
From South

Continue on A1 North after Morpeth by-pass heading towards Alnwick. Once past Bockenfield Caravan Park on right 1 mile further on A1 take left turn signposted Howdens/Weldon Bridge - Centre is 500yds along road on left.

From North

Continue on A1 South after Alnwick heading towards Morpeth. Once past Felton by-pass onto single carriageway take right turn signposted Howdens/Weldon Bridge - Centre is 500 yards along road on left.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Classes at rally competitions

A competition host may stage one or more special classes not conforming to the standard class tests set out in Annex C of the Regulations. Such classes must contain the word 'special' in the title of the class, and shall not count towards progression, titles or awards in standard competition classes.

Levels

Rally handler/dog teams compete in their lowest eligible class from Level 1 to Level 6. They may also compete at the subsequent level.

Progression to the next level does not require either wins or places; however, a class will be won by the dog that has lost the least number of points, unless otherwise stated for special classes.

Progression is dependent upon gaining three excellent scores, under three different judges, or six qualifying scores under four different judges.

Levels 1 – 4 have a qualifying score of 175 out of 200.

Levels 5 & 6 have a qualifying score of 180 out of 200.

Scores equivalent to these qualifying scores (or greater) earned at limited rally competitions do not count towards progression, rally Level Titles or Excellent titles.

In all levels a qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

Rally handler/dog teams where the dog is 7 years of age or older may compete in Veteran as well as, or instead of, their lowest eligible class.

Veteran has a qualifying score of 175 out of 200. A qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

Eligibility

When entered for a competition, a dog must be entered in a standard class at the level for which it is eligible.

The dog may also, if desired, be entered in up to two additional classes including one further standard level class at the subsequent higher level. Once a dog has gained any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.

A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in just a

Veteran class. It may also be entered in standard level classes and special classes to a maximum of 3 classes in total.

A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes in total.

Special

classes do not count towards progression.

Level 1

- Open to dogs which have not achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent Title.

Level 2

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 1 may also enter at this Level.

Level 3

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 2 may also enter at this level.

Level 4

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 3 may also enter at this level.

Level 5

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 4 may also enter at this level.

Level 6

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 5 may also enter at this level.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Judges as listed above.**
2. **Specify all offers of sponsorship or donations with the names of the sponsors (if applicable).**
3. **Entry fee is £7.50 per class**
4. **Rosettes and prize cards will be awarded for 1st to 6th in all classes.**
5. The show is not sponsored.
6. **Report to the secretary's table in the Canine Centre building to book in.**
7. No bitch in season is allowed to compete.
8. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
12. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 12 weeks and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
13. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the competition date.
14. Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge.
15. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order.
16. Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to The Royal Kennel Club.
17. Only dogs of six calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 1, 2, or 3 classes. Only dogs of 12 calendar months of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in Level 4 or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises. A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in a Veteran class.
18. Organisers of open rally competitions and limited rally competitions may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard or special class and may decline entries received after the capping level has been reached. State the capping level for each class. The capping level must be set at a minimum of 40 entries received. There is no maximum level at which a cap may be set.
19. For limited shows entry is limited ***(include here whichever of the following are applicable – to members of the organising society / to competitors resident within a specific area / to specific breeds / by numbers [such numbers to be stipulated] / or give details of***

any other form of limit which has been given prior approval by the Board of The Royal Kennel Club).

20. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes
21. **Book in at the secretary's table on arrival, Regulation S(B)3.d.**
22. **No entry passes are required**
23. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
24. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the judge or judges.
25. After a dog has commenced competing in a class no substitution of handler is permitted in that class.
26. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
27. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst under test, except in special classes where the use of food and/or silent toy rewards has been specified in the schedule.
28. A dog can not be entered in the same class more than once.
29. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.
30. A dog must, at the time of entry for the competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club rules and regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners, the full name of every registered owner must be given.

Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Kennel Club rules and regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.

A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to The Royal Kennel Club before the competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

31. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as a scheduled judge.

Following discussion between the chief steward and the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the competition if it is:-

- a. A bitch which is in season.
- b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
- d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
- e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to The Royal Kennel Club.

32. Judges' discretion prevails and judges' decisions are final.

32. An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request in any investigation of a breach of this regulation by such handler.

33. DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

34. Welfare of Dogs

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Kennel Club rules and regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any rally event licensed by The Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the competition.

35. No modifications may be made to the schedule once published except by permission of the Board of The Royal Kennel Club which must be followed by advertisement in the canine press if possible.

Animals in Event

36. No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a competition during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board. However, at the discretion of the host organisation, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times