



RALLY – SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS from Previous Kennel Club Working Party Meetings

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| 1. | Regulation amendments | <p>The Board, at its meeting held on 22 November 2023, approved the following amendments to regulations.</p> <p>Regulation S16.h TO: All jumps must be constructed in a manner that provides stability and safety for all dogs. Pole width is to be between 1.2 metre and 1.5 metres. It must be a single bar jump which is able to fall in either direction. The jump must not have wings. (Deletion struck through) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S2.b. Eligibility TO: 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. Only dogs of 7 years of age and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to take part in the Veteran class. (Insertion in bold) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S16.c. Facilities and Equipment TO: Judging rings shall not in any circumstances contain less than 100 sqm of clear floor space and shall not be less than 8 metres in length except that for Veteran classes, Level 3 and above the ring must contain not less than 150 sqm. Rings must be clearly defined and have a suitable, level surface. (Insertion in bold) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> | Competitors, judges and competition organisers to note |



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| | | <p>S20. Judging TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">e. Before judging Level 6 a judge must have carried out two appointments at Level 5.f. Before judging a Veteran class, a judge must be qualified to judge Level 4.g. Before judging a Special class, a judge must be qualified to judge at least Level 1.h. Judges must ensure that they have scribed at every level they intend to judge. <p>(Insertions in bold) (Subsequent regulations to be re-numbered) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S(A)2. Levels TO: S(A)2. Veteran 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.</p> <p>(Insertions in bold) (Subsequent regulations to be re-numbered) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S(A)2 3. Eligibility TO: a. Standard Level Classes When entered for a competition in a standard level class, a dog must be entered at the level for which it is eligible. The dog may also, if desired, be entered in up to two additional</p> | |



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| | | <p>classes including one further standard level class at the subsequent higher level. one additional special class, or two additional special classes. A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes. Special classes do not count towards progression. Once a dog has earned any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.</p> <p>b. Veteran classes 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.</p> <p>c. Special classes 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.</p> <p>Level 1 - Open to dogs which have not achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> | |



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| | | <p>level</p> <p>Level 5</p> <p>- 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.</p> <p>Level 6</p> <p>- 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.</p> <p>Veteran</p> <p>- Open to all dogs aged 7 years or over on the first day of the competition.</p> <p>(Insertions in bold, deletions struck through)</p> <p>(Subsequent regulations to be re-numbered)</p> <p>(Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S(B)1.g. Performance</p> <p>TO:</p> <p>Courses for Levels 1 and 2 are performed on lead, with the exception of Bonus Exercises 4 and 5. Levels 3 and above, and Veteran, are performed off lead, regardless of the Bonus Exercise used.</p> <p>(Insertion in bold)</p> <p>(Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>New Regulation S(B)2.g. Course Design</p> <p>TO:</p> <p>g. Veteran</p> <p>(1) There should be a minimum of ten and a maximum of fifteen exercises, with between two and eight static positions.</p> <p>(2) The exercises and bonus exercise may be taken from any level.</p> <p>(3) The round must not contain more than two down</p> | |



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| | | <p>positions.</p> <p>(4) No exercise or set of linked exercises should require more than three changes of position. (For linked exercises, the judge may assume that all competitors will choose to perform the linked static position only once).</p> <p>(5) There should be no more than two cone/distraction exercises in total.</p> <p>(6) There should be no more than one backup/heelback exercise, including the bonus.</p> <p>(7) There should be no more than one jump exercise. If a jump exercise is used the jump height is to be reduced by 10cm for all dogs. Dogs jumping the lowest height will have the pole laid on the ground.</p> <p>(Insertion in bold) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S(B)2.(2) TO: COURSE DESIGN</p> <p>(2) Once used, an exercise should not be repeated, with the exception of the right turn, and left turns, 270 degree right turn, 270 degree left turn and normal pace.</p> <p>a. Level 2</p> <p>(2) There should be a ratio of one third Level 2 exercises to two thirds Level 1 exercises. four or five exercises from Level 2 with the remainder from Level 1.</p> <p>b. Level 3</p> <p>(2) There should be a ratio of one third Level 3 exercises to two thirds Level 1 exercises. Four or five exercises from Level 3 with the remainder from Levels 1 and 2. A maximum of two exercises may be linked at this level.</p> <p>(Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold)</p> | |



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| | | <p>(Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S(B)2 Ring Management TO: 3.b. Linked exercises Linked Exercises are designed to share a static element (e.g. Stop Sit and Stop Sit Down). The dog/handler team may choose to perform the second sign separately. Linked exercises may not be used in Levels 1 and 2. At Level 3 and Veteran class, no more than 2 exercises may be linked at a time. At Level 4 and above, more than two exercises may be linked.</p> <p>(Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> <p>Regulation S(B)3.a. Ring Management TO: a. Sign placement Signs must be placed so that they are on the handler's right with the following exceptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Turns and pivots may should be placed directly in the handler's path. (2) Side Step Right should be placed in the handler's path. (3) Figure 8, distraction exercises, Spiral Left and Serpentine signs are placed so that they are on the handler's left. (4) For all two-sign exercises, the signs will be placed 2-3 metres apart unless otherwise stated. (5) When stops and pivots are combined, it may be necessary to place a sign so that it is on the handler's left. Judges shall make handlers aware of this during the judge's briefing. (6) In some circumstances due to space constraints or safety issues a sign may be placed in a position other than the handler's right. The judge shall make handlers aware of this during their briefing. | |



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| | | <p>(5) All jumps should be positioned approximately 4 metres ahead of the exercise sign. The distance from the jump to the next exercise sign should be approximately 4 metres from the jump pole (a total of 8 metres). When a jump exercise requires a handler to take a path off set to the jump, the lateral measurement should be 1.5 metres taken from the base of the inner edge of the nearest jump upright.</p> <p>(6) Sometimes it is not possible for exercise signs to be placed in their usual position. The judge will make handlers aware of the new placement during the judge's briefing. This may be due to space constraints, safety issues, the combination of a series of Linked Exercises or other exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>(Insertion in bold, deletions struck through) (Effective 1 January 2024)</p> | |
| 2. | Use of Exercise Modification Request (EMR) Forms | <p>The Working Party wished to seek advice from chief stewards and judges to find out what might be useful information to include on the EMR form and how it may be made easier to use. Responses should be sent to pacer48@hotmail.co.uk by 12 July 2024</p> <p>The Working Party also wished to remind competitors that where they were unable to complete an exercise in a conventional manner, the EMR form should state the way in which the exercise would be completed so that the judge may mark accordingly.</p> | <p>Chief stewards and judges to action</p> <p>Competitors to note</p> |
| 3. | Rally Review | <p>The Working Party had been reviewing the structure and progression of rally as a discipline and agreed the implementation of two additional classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation • Level 7 • new exercises were presented to the Working Party, with video demonstrations and descriptions. <p>The Working Party established an aim to achieve championship status for rally in order to retain competitors and skills. It aimed for the championship framework to</p> | All to note |



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| | | be robust and sustainable and was looking at establishing it within 10-15 years | |
| 4. | Publication of Results | The Working Party wished to recommend that societies should publish competition results on their own website or elsewhere to ensure there is access to the results. | Competition Organisers to note |
| 5. | Scribe Sheets | The Working Party discussed the ownership of judge's scribe sheets and wished to clarify that scribe sheets remain the property of the judge and should be returned to the judge at the end of the competition. | Judges and Competition Organisers to note |
| 6. | Retention of results | The Working Party recommended that societies should retain results for a minimum of 12 months after a competition. | Competition Organisers to note |
| 7. | Sign Placement | The Working Party wished to issue a clarification that all signs should be placed so that they were facing the handler as they approached them and should not be placed in an off-set manner. | Judges and Competition Organisers to note |
| 8. | Training Rounds | The Working Party wished to clarify that training rounds are not permitted at rally competitions. However, a competitor may withdraw at any point, and may then, with the permission of the judge, continue with the round. It is not acceptable to start the round intending to carry out a training round. | Competitors and Judges to note |
| 9. | Review of regulations, including signs | The Working Party formed a small working group to start a review on the existing sign set, the progressive nature of classes and the introduction of additional classes. | All to note |
| 10. | Videos of exercises | The Working Party had begun creation of videos of exercises demonstrating new exercises and course design changes. Four videos had been uploaded to YouTube and a short survey undertaken. The feedback was positive and new footage of how to perform the various signs will be added at regular intervals. Exercise 51, Moving Sendaround, https://youtu.be/DQnRWM1SWmQ Exercise 62, Call Front About Turn Right Forward https://youtu.be/DucS8D-YLPc | All to note |
| 11. | Judges' Age | The Working Party wished to clarify that there was no upper age limit for judges in rally. | Judges and Competition Organisers to note |
| 12. | Next meeting | The Working Party's next meeting will take place on 9 July 2024. Any agenda items must be submitted three weeks prior to the meeting date i.e. by 18 June 2024. Late submissions will not be included. | All to note |