

## **Kennel Club Regulation Booklets**

This is one of a series of booklets designed to present the Regulations in a more accessible form. The complete set of Rules & Regulations is of course still available within the Kennel Club Year Book.

There are booklets available for Breed Shows, Obedience Shows, Agility Shows, Flyball Competitions, Working Trials and Bloodhound Trials, Heelwork to Music, Field Trials and Rally. Whilst including all the relevant regulations also included is an extract from the B Regulations on the requirements of dog registration.

# KENNEL CLUB RALLY REGULATIONS

*As at 1st January 2017*

## 1. Welfare of Dogs

A person whose dog is entered at a competition held under these Regulations 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.

## 2. Eligibility

- a. Dogs entered for these competitions must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- b. 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 and Level 2 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 3 or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises
- c. Competition hosts may accept entries not for competition at their discretion, and dogs of four calendar months and over on the first day of the competition are eligible to enter not for competition.
- d. If, in the opinion of the Board, a dog is of a savage disposition it shall be ineligible for entry for any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
- e. Persons disqualified or suspended under Kennel Club Rules are not permitted to take part in any event recognised by the Kennel Club.
- f. No activity shall be conducted which permits, encourages or develops aggression in a dog.

## 3. Code of Conduct

Those taking part in Kennel Club licensed/approved events are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards, in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Conduct as published from time to time.

## 4. Licensed Rally Competitions

Licensed Competitions held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are those held under licence granted by the Board of the Kennel Club and are:

- a. Open Rally Competitions - Open to all competitors.
- b. Limited Rally Competitions - Where entry is limited to-
  - (1) Members of the Competition Society
  - (2) Competitors resident within a specific area
  - (3) Specific Breeds
  - (4) By numbers (such numbers to be stipulated in the schedule)
  - (5) Or otherwise subject to approval of the Board of the Kennel Club.

## **5. Classes at Rally Competitions**

- a. A Rally competition shall comprise at least one standard competition class at Level 1 or above as set out in Annex A to these Regulations.
- b. A competition host may in addition stage one or more special classes not conforming to the standard class tests set out in Annex C. 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.

## **6. Permission to hold Events**

The Board shall have the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any competition held under these Regulations.

## **7. Guarantors**

- a. The person making application to schedule a competition under these Regulations shall be the Guarantor for the event. In the case of a competition being held by a registered Society, the Guarantor will be nominated by the Society.
- b. The Guarantor shall be responsible for the event, its safety and its finances.
- c. All entry forms together with any other documents must be preserved by the Guarantor for at least twelve months and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if required.

## **8. Application to Host a Rally Competition**

- a. The application to hold a competition must be submitted to the Secretary of the Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB, and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- b. A competition host's initial application to hold an event under these Regulations must be received at least six months before the proposed date of the competition. Subsequent applications should be received at least six weeks before the proposed date of the competition.
- c. The application must provide full details of the proposed competition and include a declaration that the event will meet the requirements of these Regulations, including the provision of suitable facilities and adequate numbers of stewards, and have in place satisfactory procedures and policies in respect of health and safety procedures for dogs, handlers and spectators. The Kennel Club may, at its discretion, require further financial and other relevant information from an organisation before approving it for the first time to host a Rally competition.
- d. Rally competitions may be run in conjunction with other dog sports events but may not be run in conjunction with other organisations' Rally events. Competition hosts must indicate on the application if the competition is being held in conjunction with another dog sports event and, if so, must describe the event.

## 9. Schedules

- a. A Schedule, incorporating an entry form, must be published for each competition. A copy of the Schedule issued for each competition must be retained by the organisations for at least one year from the date of the competition and must be forwarded to the Kennel Club if requested, together with any other documents.
- b. Schedules and entry forms should follow the layout and content of the current Rally specimen schedule and entry form published by the Kennel Club.
- c. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.

## 10. Entry for Competition.

- a. A dog must at the time of entry for a Rally 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 on the entry form. 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 be validly entered by the new owner provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the 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).
- b. A separate application for entry must be made by each owner and acceptance of the entry declaration must be given in accordance with the provisions specified thereon - whether in writing or via the internet. Entries cannot be accepted without the appropriate fees or acceptance of the entry declaration.
- c. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.

## 11. Acceptance of Entries

- a. When determining how many dogs can be efficiently judged, competition hosts should allow 4 minutes per dog for Levels 1 and 2 and 5 minutes per dog for Level 3 and above, plus an allowance for walk-through, any run-offs and class awards.
- b. Entries must close at the time indicated in the Schedule, which must be no later than fourteen days before the first day of the competition.
- c. Entries received by post bearing the postmark of the date for closing of entries or before must be accepted subject to any proviso included in the Schedule.
- d. Entries from competitors claiming that missing entries have been correctly posted must be accepted on the day of the competition. Such

- claims will have to be substantiated to the Kennel Club which will request documentary evidence, subsequent to the competition.
- e. The competition organiser should promptly notify senders if entries are received with missing or incomplete information or insufficient fees. Entry forms with missing or incomplete information or insufficient entry fees do not constitute valid entries.
  - f. The competition host must send out confirmations by post or email for all accepted entries, either immediately following processing or after the closing date. If confirmations do not include running order/ team number(s), walk-through times, ring plans and all other pertinent information, this information must be sent separately to all competitors with accepted entries no later than seven days before the first day of the competition.
  - g. All qualifications gained up to and including seven days before the closing date of the event will count towards eligibility for competition. Therefore, should a dog qualify out of a class within the six days before the closing date of entries, the entry must be treated as though the dog had not gained this qualification.
  - h. Competition hosts will not delay judging to accommodate late-arriving competitors, and are not required to refund any entry fees for competitors unable to compete with their dogs under these circumstances, whether or not the competitor was responsible for the late arrival.

## **12. Animals Allowed in Competition**

No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a competition during its continuance, except any dog 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 competition 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.

## **13. Free Passes**

The organiser of a competition shall provide all competitors with a free pass enabling them to enter the competition at any time of the day on which their competition is scheduled, but in the case of a dog owned in a partnership only one such free pass need be issued. Additional free passes may be issued at the competition organiser's discretion.

## **14. Documentation**

At every competition the following documents must be available:-

- a. The written authority from the Kennel Club to hold the competition which must be clearly displayed.
- b. A current Public Liability Insurance Document, which must be clearly displayed.
- c. A copy of the up to date Rally Regulations.
- d. A copy of the competition Schedule.
- e. The completed entry forms for the competition.

- f. A Kennel Club incident book, containing details of all incidents occurring at the competition, a copy of which must be submitted to the Kennel Club within 14 days.

### **15. Facilities and Equipment**

It is the competition organiser's responsibility to provide the following:

- a. Rally exercise signs, station numbers and appropriate holders.
- b. Judging rings shall not in any circumstances contain less than 96 sqm of clear floor space and shall not be less than 8 metres in length except that for Level 3 and above the ring must contain not less than 144 sq m. Rings must be enclosed with ring ropes, barriers, fencing or netting and have a suitable, level surface.
- c. A large flip chart and easel, blackboard or equivalent for posting order and score information.
- d. Rosettes & Awards
- e. Armbands, ring numbers or adhesive labels for dog and handler identification
- f. Stop watches, clipboards, exercise modification forms, other forms and stationery as required.
- g. Cones for obstacle exercises, markers for Serpentine, Figure of Eight and Spirals. Base of markers not to exceed 200mm diameter.
- h. All jumps must be constructed in a manner that provides stability and safety for all dogs. Jump width is to be between 1.2 metres and 1.5 metres. Single bar jumps are preferable but not required.
- i. Sufficient suitable space for handlers to exercise their dogs.
- j. Suitable and adequate clean up materials and dog waste bins.
- k. Adequate toilet facilities.
- l. A source of fresh water
- m. Adequate car parking arrangements.

### **16. Veterinary Support**

The competition host is required to arrange veterinary support compatible with the arrangements for the event and the anticipated entry.

### **17. Dog Fouling**

- a. Any owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove, as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Kennel Club licensed event within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.
- b. Any organisation holding a Kennel Club licensed event is required to provide an adequate number of receptacles for the disposal of such fouling.

### **18. Awards**

- a. The host organisation shall provide printed awards to a minimum of fourth place in all classes.
- b. The host organisation shall also provide certificates and/or qualifying rosettes to all handlers who receive a qualifying score.

- c. Other rosettes and special awards may be offered at the discretion of the competition host.

### 19. Judging

- a. Judges are expected to maintain and abide by the highest standards in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published from time to time.
- b. 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 Level Title for the Level which he or she is judging,
  - (2) must have acted as a scribe steward for a complete standard Rally class on at least one occasion.
  - (3) Have attended a Kennel Club Rally Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination
  - (4) Have attended a Kennel Club Rally Practical Judging Seminar
  - (5) A judge's first two appointments must be restricted to Level 1 or Level 2.
- c. The next two appointments may include Level 3 or Level 4.
- d. Before a judge can judge Level 5 or Level 6 they must have undertaken at least two appointments at Level 3 or Level 4.  
(Regulation b., c. and d. effective 1 January 2015)
- e. Before judging at a Limited Rally Competition a judge must have:
  - (1) handled a dog and achieved a Qualifying Score whilst competing at an Open Rally Competition.
  - (2) attended a Kennel Club Rally Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination
  - (3) attended a Kennel Club Rally Practical Judging Seminar
  - (4) OR be an existing Kennel Club Rally qualified judge
- f. A judge may not judge more than 50 dogs per day. If the entry received exceeds 40, the class may be equally divided (to within one dog) by a draw and the class split into equal parts.
- g. Judges at a Rally competition must not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their sole ownership, or handle a dog, at the Competition at which they are judging. A dog recorded in part ownership with the Judge may be entered for competition in any part of a class other than the part which the judge is judging.
- h. Judges to provide score sheets for their use.
- i. Judges to provide dog bowls, freestanding mesh cover and food if they wish to include exercises where the use of these is required.

### 19. Judging Contracts

- a. Invitations to judge at a Rally competition must be made by host organisations in writing and must include a declaration to be signed by the judge, stating that they are qualified to judge. Host organisations must ensure that written acceptances are received and these must be followed by written confirmation of the appointment by the

- organisation, upon which a judging contract will be deemed to have been formed.
- b. Host organisations are required to include the following wording in judges' invitation letters:  
 "In accepting this invitation you agree to be bound by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for Judges. In doing so you also recognise that you are obliged to notify us in writing of any change in personal circumstances which will affect your ability to fulfil this judging appointment. You should note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances which, in our reasonable opinion, would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment."
  - c. All judging contracts are subject to cancellation at the discretion of the Kennel Club in the event of the judge being subject to relevant disciplinary action.
  - d. In the event of a judge failing to honour an engagement to judge, the Board will require reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the Board may impose a fine. Similarly, in the event of a society not honouring a judging contract, the society may be required by the Board to give reasons for such failure, and in the event of the explanation not being considered satisfactory, the Board may impose a fine upon the host organisation.
  - e. In the event of such fines not being paid within the time stipulated by the Board, the judge or Guarantors of the competition, as applicable, may at the discretion of the Board be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A11 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the Board.

## 20. Competing

- a. After a dog has commenced competing in a class, no substitution of handler is permitted in that class.
- b. For the duration of the competition all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
- c. No dog shall be allowed in the judging ring other than those entered and competing in the class being judged.
- d. Any dog which is not presented for competition when its running order is due will be withdrawn from the class.
- e. Food shall not be carried or given to a dog under test.
- f. The use of a toy as an incentive in the ring between or during exercises is prohibited.
- g. Dogs must compete in a flat buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes are not allowed.
- h. Judge's discretion prevails and Judge's decisions are final.
- i. **Jump Heights** – Dogs are not required to be measured on the day of competition prior to the judging. However, judges have the option of measuring any dog prior to his/her performance if the dog appears to be entered in a group lower than might be indicated by his/her registered shoulder height.  
 Shoulder Height under 30 cm Jump 10 cm



Shoulder Height 30 cm to under 40 cm Jump 20 cm  
 Shoulder Height 40 cm to under 50 cm Jump 30 cm  
 Shoulder Height 50 cm and over Jump 40 cm

### **21. Control of Dogs**

- a. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time whilst at the competition venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches.
- b. The owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at Kennel Club events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event). The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition, as stipulated above, is forbidden.
- c. No person attending a competition may allow a bitch in season to be on the competition ground or to foul any ground used by dogs under test.

### **22. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease.**

No dogs suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing this Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or to be dealt with under Kennel Club Rule A11.

### **23. Removal of Dogs**

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

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

### **24. Disqualification and Forfeit of Awards.**

- a. A dog may be disqualified by the Board from any award whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been;
  - (1) Competed at an unrecognised event.
  - (2) Entered for competition or handled by a person disqualified or suspended under Rule A11, as from the date of the complaint having been lodged at the Kennel Club and for the period of disqualification or suspension.
  - (3) Not entered on a Kennel Club approved entry form in the name and with the details which are recorded with the Kennel Club.

- (4) Entered after the date announced for closing of entries, subject to the conditions of Regulation S11.d. or contrary to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
  - (5) Suffering from an infectious or contagious disease.
  - (6) Competed in a level for which it was not entered.
  - (7) Exhibited for competition or handled in the ring by a judge of dogs in that class.
  - (8) Registered or recorded as owned by the scheduled Judge within a period of twelve months prior to the Competition. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a Judge appointed in an emergency.
  - (9) Handled at a Competition within the previous twelve months by the scheduled Judge. This shall not apply to dogs owned by a Judge appointed in an emergency.
  - (10) Handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse, immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge. This shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency.
  - (11) Not correctly registered and recorded in the name of the owner at the Kennel Club or as provided in Regulation S10.a.
  - (12) To have been the subject of any other default, omission, action or incident occurring at or in connection with the Competition rendering it unfair that the award should be allowed to stand.
- b. A dog shall be disqualified by the Board from any awards gained whether an objection has been lodged or not, if entered in a level for which it is ineligible and not withdrawn from competition and the competitor may be fined at the discretion of the Board.
  - c. The owner of a dog disqualified for any of the above reasons is liable to forfeit all entry fees paid, and all prize money won by such dog.

### **25. Order of Merit When Dogs are Disqualified.**

If a dog be disqualified, the prize to which it would otherwise have been entitled shall be forfeited. The Committee may at its discretion move up the dog or dogs next in order of merit (up to and including reserve or fourth place) to take the prize or prize(s).

### **26. Objections**

- a. An objection to a breach of Kennel Club Regulation(s) may be made direct to the secretary of the competition before the end of the competition. As an alternative, an objection may be lodged directly with the Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the competition and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the competition secretary.
- b. When an objection is lodged the following information must be given:
  - (1) A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s).
  - (2) The objection fee of £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the Board.
  - (3) The name and address of the objector.
  - (4) The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).
  - (5) All relevant evidence.

- c. The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.
- d. With the exception of objections made under Regulation 23 (Removal of Dogs) the dog should be allowed to compete and a full report made to the Kennel Club.
- e. The right to lodge an objection to a dog or any action taken at a competition is limited to anyone in attendance at the competition not under a term of suspension imposed by the Kennel Club, or the owner of a dog competing or his accredited representative.
- f. No objection shall be invalidated solely on the grounds that it was incorrectly lodged.
- g. Objections or alleged breaches of Kennel Club Regulations shall be referred to the Board who shall have the power to delegate the hearing of the objection or breach of regulation to the relevant subcommittee or may decide to refer the matter for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rule A11.
- h. Any appeal against the relevant Committee decision must be lodged within fourteen days of the decision being given and will be subject to the prescribed appeals procedure.

#### **27. Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct at the Competition**

- a. The competition host must immediately report in writing to the Secretary of the Kennel Club any case of alleged fraudulent or discreditable conduct, or any default, omission or incident at or in connection with the event which may come to his notice, even where the parties concerned have indicated that they intend taking no action, and at the same time forward to the Secretary of the Kennel Club all documents and information in connection there with which may be in his possession or power. If evidence is placed before the Board to its satisfaction that undue influence has been exercised by any person(s), or that any improper means have been used to influence the appointment of a Judge or interfere with the participation of a dog at any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, the Board may require all correspondence and evidence in connection with the case to be produced in order that it may deal with the offender(s) under Kennel Club Rule A11.
- b. Those taking part in a competition held under these Regulations shall not openly impugn the decision of the appointed Judge(s) or Assessor(s) or openly criticise the event officials or helpers.

#### **28. Penalties**

The Board shall have power to impose any of the following penalties upon any person for any breach of Kennel Club Regulations subject to a right of appeal, notice of intention of which must be lodged within 14 days from the date on which the decision is given and subject to the prescribed appeals process as shall be determined by the Board from time to time;

- a. Warn
- b. Censure/Reprimand
- c. Apology directive (Conduct Regulation or the Control of Dog Regulation)

- d. Fine
- e. Award disqualified
- f. A dog's registration record may be marked 'incident recorded'
- g. A dog's registration record may be endorsed 'not eligible for entry in any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, nor any unlicensed event recognised by the Kennel Club.'

In the event of any fine not being paid, or non compliance with any apology directive issued within the time stipulated by the Board, then that person may, at the discretion of the Board, be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club Rule A11 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the Board.

### **29. Delegated powers of the Scottish Kennel Club.**

- a. For the purpose of paragraphs 2, 5 and 7 of these Regulations the power to grant, withhold or cancel permission to hold any licensed Rally Competition in Scotland shall be delegated to the Scottish Kennel Club.
- b. For the purposes of these Regulations, all powers of the Board relative to Shows held in Scotland and licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club are delegated to the Executive Council of the Scottish Kennel Club. Applications for licences, objections and allegations of fraudulent or discreditable conduct relative to Rally Competitions licensed by the Scottish Kennel Club must be made to the Secretary General of the Scottish Kennel Club, Paterson House, Eskmills Park, Station Road, Musselburgh EH21 7PQ.

### **30. Regulations**

Competitors and officials at approved competitions shall be subject to Kennel Club Rule A11.

### **31. Levels, classes and eligibility**

The detailed Regulations for eligibility for and progression through the Levels and Classes are set out in Annex A which forms a part of these Regulations.

### **32. Performance and Scoring**

The detailed Regulations and guidelines for successful performance and the scoring of handler/dog teams, and for the conduct and management of Rally competitions, are set out in Annex B which forms part of these Regulations.

### **33. Description of Exercises and Signs**

The detailed Regulations relating to descriptions of the exercises and the signs to be used in a Rally competition are set out in Annex C which forms part of these Regulations.

### **34. Instructions as to the Duties of Chief Stewards.**

The Instructions as to the duties of Chief Stewards are given in Annex D.

## LEVELS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

### 1. Levels

Rally handler/dog teams compete at one of six levels, from Level 1 to Level 6. Progression to the next Level does not require either wins or places. Qualification is by achieving a score of at least 170 out of 200 on three occasions under three different judges. Scores of 170 or greater earned at Limited Rally Competitions do not count towards Progression, Rally Level Titles or Excellent Titles.

### 2. Eligibility

When entered for a competition, a dog must be entered in a standard class at the level for which it is eligible as defined below. The dog may also, if desired, be entered in two additional classes, either one further standard class at the next level up, plus one additional special class, or two additional special classes. In the following definitions, 'achieved a Level 1 Title', 'achieved a Level 2 Title' and so on mean that the dog meets the requirements for those Titles as defined in paragraph 3 below.

#### Level 1

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

#### Level 2

- Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 Title, except those that have achieved a Level 2 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 Title, except those that have achieved a Level 3 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 Title, except those that have achieved a Level 4 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 Title, except those that have achieved a Level 5 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 Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 5 may also enter at this level.

### 3. Titles

(Only the highest Level title achieved should be used after the dog's name. The title is designated as 'RL1', 'RL2', 'RL3', 'RL4', 'RL5', or 'RL6' and appears after the dog's name).

#### Level 1 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 1.

**Level 2 Title**

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 2.

**Level 3 Title**

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 3.

**Level 4 Title**

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 4.

**Level 5 Title**

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 5.

**Level 6 Title**

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 6.

Transitional provision - a dog which has achieved a Level 2 or a Level 3 Title before 1 January 2014 (under the previous definitions) shall be entitled to the designation RL3 or RL5 respectively on and after 1 January 2014.

**4. 'Excellent' Titles**

(Where an Excellent title is used after the dog's name, a Level title for the same Level should not also be used).

A dog which has qualified at any level with three qualifying scores each of 190 or better, gained under three different judges, is entitled to the description 'Rally Excellent' with the designations shown below which appear after the dog's name (only the highest designation achieved should be used):

Level 1 RL1.Ex

Level 2 RL2.Ex

Level 3 RL3.Ex

Level 4 RL4.Ex

Level 5 RL5.Ex

Level 6 RL6.Ex

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## PERFORMANCE AND SCORING GUIDELINES AND COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

### 1. PERFORMANCE

#### a. Heel Position

The dog is considered in heel position when both dog and handler are facing the same direction and the dog is working in a consistent position within arm's length of the handler. The dog must work on the left side of the handler, unless the handler suffers from a physical disability and has the Judge's permission to work on the right hand side.

#### b. Rewards

Touch rewards are allowed when the dog/handler team has completed a static exercise and before the dog/handler team has begun to heel forward towards the next exercise. An exercise is considered complete when the last element of an exercise has been performed and the dog/handler team has not begun to move forward. Rewards may be given at the completion of any static exercises that share a sign. The exercise descriptions in Annex C note if an exercise is considered static. The use of food or toys is not permitted in the ring and handlers making use of them will receive a non-qualifying score.

#### c. Commands/Cues

Commands may be spoken or signalled. If both are used and given simultaneously they are considered a single command. Any additional act, signal or command which in the opinion of the Judge has given the dog unfair assistance shall be penalised. Handlers are encouraged to communicate with their dogs throughout the course. Praise and encouragement are not considered commands.

#### d. Bonus Exercise

The Bonus Exercise is optional and is performed after the dog/handler team crosses the finish line. Dog/handler teams may earn up to ten additional points for the bonus performance. There is one bonus exercise on each course. The bonus is scored the same as other exercises.

#### e. Guidance for exercises 11-14

The handler should make a turn within an approx. diameter of 45cm./18inches. The dog should maintain a consistent position, depending on size and breed.

### 2. COURSE DESIGN

The following guidelines must be observed by Judges when designing courses.

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 floor finish before planning any jumping exercises for Levels 3-6.

#### a. Level 1

This guidance is applicable to all levels:

- (1) Stations should be equally spaced with a minimum recommended distance of 2 metres.

- (2) Once used, an exercise sign should not be repeated, with the exception of right & left turns.
  - (3) There should be a balance between static exercises and moving exercises.
  - (4) A static exercise is one which ends with a Stop or a Finish. Others are moving exercises. Most of the static exercises are executed within approximately 60 to 120 centimetres of the sign.
- b. Level 2**  
This guidance is applicable to all levels from this level:
- (1) The same markers may be used in the execution of two exercises, for example cones used for Spiral Left, Spiral Right, Figure 8 or Serpentine.
- c. Level 3**  
Follow the general guide lines given for Levels 1 and 2.
- (1) There should be a ratio of one-third Level 3-4 signs to two-thirds Level 1-2 signs.
  - (2) Multiple sign stations may be used to join a maximum of 2 Exercise signs at this level.
- d. Level 4**  
Follow the general guide lines given for Levels 1 and 2.
- (1) There should be a minimum of six Level 3-4 signs.
  - (2) NB. Some Level 3-4 exercises comprise more than one sign e.g. Exercise 34 Stop, Leave Dog, Recall must be followed by Exercise 35 Turn and Call Front and Exercise 36 or 37 Finish Right or Left. All three signs make up one complete exercise.
- e. Level 5-6**  
Levels 5 and 6 courses should incorporate a maximum of six exercises from Level 5-6 and a maximum of six from Level 3-4. The following should be included:
- (1) A maximum of two jump exercises:  
Exercise 43 Send Over Jump – Handler Runs By  
Exercise 55 Recall Over Jump  
Exercise 57 Stop – Leave Dog – Turn and Send Over Jump
  - (2) A maximum of two Level 5-6 recall exercises:  
Exercise 55 Recall Over Jump  
Exercise 61 Stop – Leave Dog – Down on Recall
  - (3) At least one Level 5-6 Moving Stand Exercise:  
Exercise 49 Moving Stand Walk Around  
Exercise 50 Moving Stand Leave Dog and 51 Turn and Call to Heel  
Exercise 52 Moving Stand Leave Dog and 53 Down, Sit, Call Front and Finish
  - (4) A maximum of two Level 3-4 turns:  
Exercise 40 Stop – From Sit – About Turn Right & Forward  
Exercise 41 Stop – From Sit – About “U” Turn & Forward  
Exercise 48 Left About Turn  
Exercise 38 Stop – 180 Pivot Right – Stop  
Exercise 39 Stop – 180 Pivot Left – Stop
  - (5) At least one Level 5-6 turn:  
Exercise 59 Right Turn, 1-2 Steps, Down, Forward  
Exercise 60 Left Turn, 1-2 Steps, Down, Forward



### 3. RING MANAGEMENT

#### a. Sign Placement

Signs must be placed so that they are on the handler's right with the following exceptions:

- (1) Turns and 180 degree pivots may be placed directly in the handler's path.
- (2) Straight figure 8, Offset Figure 8, Spiral Left, Serpentine, Side Step Right and Send Over Jump signs are placed so that they are on the handler's left.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

#### b. Multiple Sign Stations

Multiple sign stations are designed to share a static element (e.g. Stop Sit and Stop Sit Down). The dog/handler team may choose to perform the shared element (Sit) once or may move forward after completing the first sign to perform the second sign separately.

#### c. Judge's Briefing

Judges should give a briefing at the start of the walk-through. They should use this time to draw competitors attention to any matters of concern, particularly any signs which have not been placed where expected.

#### d. Booking In

All competitors must personally report to the ringside of all classes entered and book in, by marking a list of entries, within one hour of the scheduled time for the commencement of judging of the Class. The class lists are to be provided by the Show Management and should be available from the stated opening time of the Show.

#### e. Walk-throughs

Handlers are provided with a maximum 30 minute period during which to walk the course (without dogs) and ask the judge questions. The time allocated should be relevant to the number of entries.

#### f. Course Time

Rally Levels 1 and 2 courses shall have a maximum course time of 4 minutes and Levels 3 to 6 courses shall have a maximum time of 5 minutes. The Bonus Exercise, if undertaken, is not included in course time.

#### g. Start

The Judge will indicate to the dog/handler team that they may begin. Timing will begin when the dog/handler team crosses the Start Line. The dog does not have to be sitting in heel position to begin the course. Dog/handler teams should cross the start line at their normal heeling pace.

#### h. 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.

**i. Bonus Exercise**

The Bonus Exercise is an optional exercise. Handlers are not required to perform the Bonus Exercise, but must advise the judge at the Start Line if they wish to do so. Each level has several bonus exercises. The Judge will choose the Bonus Exercise to be offered. Judges may only use one Bonus Exercise on a course, which must be clearly identified on the course map.

#### **4. SCORING GUIDELINES**

Each dog/handler team enters the ring with a perfect score of 200 points. Deductions are scored based on the exercise requirements and the scoring guidelines. Deductions are made in one-point increments from a minimum of one point up to a maximum ten point deduction in relation to any one fault. The judge indicates point deductions on the score sheet as faults occur on the course. He or she may be assisted by a scribe steward in recording the deductions.

- a. The minimum deduction is one point.
- b. Dogs which are unmanageable and/or bark excessively will receive deductions based on the severity of the behaviour. The judge may require the removal of a dog from the ring for unmanageable or disruptive behaviour. In severe cases the dog may be required to be removed from the event as set out in Regulation 23 (Removal of Dogs).
- c. If the handler uses physical or harsh verbal corrections, the judge shall note "NQ - P/VC" on the score sheet for that dog/handler team. The judge may, at his or her discretion dependent on the severity of the correction, require the dog and handler to leave the ring immediately. Any handler who has been required to leave the ring due to physical or harsh verbal corrections shall be reported to the competition secretary or competition manager and should be noted in the competition's Incident Book, which must be submitted to the Kennel Club.
- d. If a dog leaves the Rally ring the judge shall score that dog/handler team's performance as NQ - LR, and make a notation of such on the score sheet.
- e. If a dog/handler team goes off course (performs one or more exercises out of order) the team shall receive a non-qualifying score and the judge shall make a notation of NQ - OC on the score sheet.
- f. Touch rewards are allowed when the dog/handler team has completed a static exercise. An exercise is considered complete when the team has performed all the features of the exercise.
- g. Any petting or touching rewards that significantly interrupt the flow of the performance of the test shall be scored with a deduction of 1 point or more. "Significantly interrupts" shall be defined as impeding the natural forward flow of movement of the dog/handler team.

- h. **Tied scores for place awards** - In the event that two or more dog/handler teams score an equal number of points which are sufficient to qualify one or more of them for a fourth place or higher award, the team(s) with the fastest recorded time(s) shall be placed above those with slower times. In the event that one or more such dog/handler teams have equal scores and equal times, they shall be invited to participate in a run-off using the Bonus Exercise.

## 5. SCORING

### a. 1 point deduction

- (1) Tight lead, each occurrence
- (2) Slightly out of position – includes performing an exercise with the sign on the wrong side. Apart from exercises defined under 'Ring Management – Sign Placement' above, exercises should be performed with the sign on the handler's right hand side
- (3) Additional cues (given to prompt the dog to perform the exercise)
- (4) Dropped lead

### b. 2 points deduction

- (1) Moderately out of position sits/downs/fronts/stands/walking eg whilst heeling – persistent lack of attention, dog facing the wrong way, handler unable to touch the dog's head
- (2) Failure of dog to move with handler as specified in exercise description
- (3) Overly large circles/270's/about turns/weaves/spirals, etc.
- (4) Lack of attention/motivation
- (5) Excessive barking or jumping up whilst competing
- (6) Movement out of position during stand

### c. 3 points deduction

- (1) Failure to change pace or maintain pace change
- (2) Dog sitting on or not completing turns
- (3) Significantly out of position sits, downs, stands, walking, presents, finishes, etc.
- (4) Harsh cues/signals
- (5) Wide/curved/inaccurate/loose left/right turns

### d. 5 points deduction

- (1) Handler is in front of jump/uprights when sending dog over – Levels 3 and 4
- (2) Failure to sit, down, stand, wait, come, finish
- (3) Failure of handler to pivot
- (4) Exercise not completed
- (5) Exercise in wrong direction
- (6) Incorrect finish
- (7) Knocking over a cone or exercise sign
- (8) Performing an obstacle exercise backwards or in the wrong direction

### e. Non-Qualifying

- (1) Touching the dog to prompt an exercise
- (2) Dog and handler pass on opposite sides of a cone
- (3) Nipping, mouthing
- (4) Deductions totalling ten or more points on any exercise

- (5) Exceeding course time (unless an exercise modification for time has been approved)
  - (6) Dog leaves the ring
  - (7) Petting/touching rewards given on the move or before exercise is completed
  - (8) Consistently tight lead
  - (9) Handler performs exercises out of sequence (off course)
  - (10) Handler misses or does not attempt an exercise
  - (11) Dogs which eliminate or become ill in the ring will be excused from the ring and receive a non-qualifying score
  - (12) Physical/harsh verbal correction
- f. In Levels 1 and 2 only, 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.
- g. The Bonus Exercise has a total point value of ten points. If no deductions are taken, ten points are added to the dog/handler team's score. If errors are made in the performance deductions are taken off the total exercise value of ten and the final number for the exercise is added onto the score. If the handler chooses not to perform this exercise, this exercise has no impact on the dog/handler team's score. A score of zero on this exercise does not impact the dog/handler team's final score. However, if during the Bonus Exercise, the dog leaves the ring, eliminates in the ring, becomes ill, attacks/attempts to attack the judge or other situations occur that would require the judge to excuse the dog and score the run as an NQ, the dog/handler team will receive a non-qualifying score on their performance. This exercise is performed after the dog/handler team crosses the finish line and the timer has stopped timing. (See Annex B.1.d)

## EXERCISES AND SIGNS

## LEVELS 1 AND 2

Levels 1 and 2 are performed on-lead with the exception of Bonus Exercises 1 and 3. The handler may remove the lead for these exercises or may have the dog drag the lead. A Level 1 or Level 2 course consists of 10 - 15 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and the Bonus Exercise sign(s). Most of the static exercises are executed within approximately 60 to 120 centimetres of the sign.

*The Levels 1 and 2 exercises are as follows.*



**START**



1. **STOP-SIT.** The handler stops, and the dog sits in heel position. This can be an automatic sit, or the handler may cue the dog to sit. When completed, handler cues dog forward and proceeds to the next exercise station.

This is a static exercise.



2. **STOP-SIT-STAND.** While heeling, the dog/handler team comes to a stop and the dog sits in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to stand.

This is a static exercise.





3. **STOP-SIT-DOWN.** While heeling, the handler comes to a stop and the dog sits in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to lie down. When the dog is down, the handler resumes a proper heel position, then cues the dog to heel forward from the down. This is a static exercise.



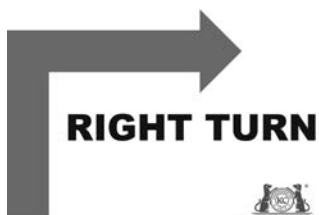
4. **STOP-SIT-DOWN-SIT.** The first part of this exercise is performed as described in Exercise 3. When the dog is lying down, the handler cues the dog to rise into a sit position. When the dog is sitting, the handler cues the dog to heel and moves toward the next exercise station. This is a static exercise.



5. **STOP-SIT-WALK AROUND.** While heeling, the dog/handler team comes to a stop with the dog sitting in the heel position. The handler gives the dog a stay or wait cue and walks forward, around the dog anti-clockwise, and back to heel position. Handler then cues the dog to heel and moves toward the next exercise station. This is a static exercise.



6. **STOP-SIT-DOWN-WALK AROUND.** While heeling, the dog/handler team stops and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to lie down, gives a wait or stay cue, then walks forward, around the dog anti-clockwise, and back to heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel from the down position and moves toward the next exercise station. This is a static exercise.



7. **RIGHT TURN.** This is an accurate 90-degree right turn.



8. **LEFT TURN.** This is an accurate 90-degree left turn.



9. **ABOUT TURN-RIGHT.** This is a 180-degree accurate turn to the handler's right.



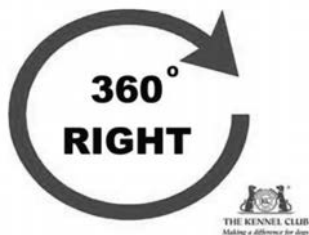
10. **ABOUT "U" TURN.** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 180-degree about turn to the handler's left. When dog and handler are facing the opposite direction, they move forward with the dog in heel position.



11. **270-DEGREE RIGHT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 270-degree turn that begins to the handler's right. However, the final direction taken toward the next exercise station is to the left of the dog/handler team's original position.



12. **270-DEGREE LEFT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 270-degree turn that begins to the handler's left. However, the final direction taken toward the next exercise station is to the right of the dog/handler team's original position.



13. **360-DEGREE RIGHT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 360-degree turn (a complete circle) that begins to the handler's right. The final direction is the same as that of the dog/handler team before starting the exercise.



14. **360-DEGREE LEFT (Turn).** While heeling, the dog/handler team makes a 360-degree turn (a complete circle) that begins to the handler's left. The final direction is the same as that of the dog/handler team before starting the exercise.





15. **CALL FRONT-FORWARD RIGHT.** While heeling the handler stops his/her forward motion and calls the dog to the front position. The dog continues to move during this portion of the exercise – he/she does not sit and then go to the front position. The handler may step backward as the dog turns and moves in to sit in front of and facing the handler. The backward movement of the handler must be no more than four steps taken straight back. The handler is not to move to the side to position him/herself in front of the dog; the dog must move to sit directly in front of the handler. For the second part of the exercise, the handler cues the dog to move from the front position to the handler's right, around behind the handler and into heel position as the handler continues forward. The dog does not sit in heel position.



16. **CALL FRONT-FORWARD LEFT.** The Call Dog Front part of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part, the handler cues the dog to move from the front position to the handler's left, moving into heel position as the handler continues forward. The dog does not sit and the handler moves forward as the dog comes into heel position.



17. **CALL FRONT-FINISH RIGHT.** The Call Dog Front portion of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part, the handler cues the dog to Finish by moving from the front position to the handler's right, around behind the handler and finally sitting in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward towards the next exercise station. This is a static exercise.



18. **CALL FRONT-FINISH LEFT.** The Call Dog Front portion of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part, the handler cues the dog to Finish, moving from the front position to the handler's left, and sitting in heel position. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward towards the next exercise station. This is a static exercise.



19. **SLOW PACE.** The dog/handler team decreases its pace so that there is a noticeable difference from the dog/handler team's normal pace. This exercise must be followed by Exercise 21 (Normal Pace), or it may be placed as the last exercise on the course, in which case the exercise and performance are concluded as the dog/handler team crosses the FINISH Line.



20. **FAST PACE.** The dog/handler team increases its pace so that there is a noticeable difference from the dog/handler team's normal pace. The pace should be fast enough that the dog at least breaks into a trot. This exercise must be followed by Exercise 21 (Normal Pace), or it may be placed as the last exercise on the course, in which case the exercise and performance are concluded as the dog/handler team crosses the FINISH Line.



21. **NORMAL PACE.** The dog/handler team moves forward at a normal pace that is comfortable for dog and handler.



**MOVING  
SIDE STEP  
RIGHT**



22. **MOVING SIDE STEP RIGHT.** While heeling past the sign, the handler takes one diagonal step with his/her right foot, forward and to the right with the exercise sign on the right. The handler then steps with the left foot, also forward and to the right, along the newly established line. The exercise is performed AFTER the sign.



23. **STOP- 90 DEGREE PIVOT RIGHT-HALT.** With the dog sitting in the heel position, the handler pivots 90 degrees in place to his/her right and stops. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit in the heel position when the handler stops. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward toward the next exercise station.  
This is a static exercise.



24. **STOP-90 DEGREE PIVOT LEFT-HALT.** With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler pivots 90 degrees in place to his/her left and stops. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit in the heel position when the handler stops. The handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward toward the next exercise station.  
This is a static exercise.

## SPIRAL RIGHT



### 25. SPIRAL RIGHT-DOG OUTSIDE.

Three cones are placed in a straight line approximately 1.5 metres apart. The "Right" direction indicates that the handler turns to his/her right when moving around each of the cones (clockwise). This places the dog on the outside of the turns. The exercise sign is placed next to the first cone facing the direction of the dog/handler team's approach. Dog and handler pass the first cone and proceed to and around the third one, then loop the first cone, proceed to and around the second, then loop the first cone one last time before making an exit to the right.

## SPIRAL LEFT



### 26. SPIRAL LEFT-DOG INSIDE.

Performed as in Exercise 25, except that the turns of the spiral are to the handler's left (anticlockwise) and the dog is on the inside of the turns. Exit is made to the left, towards the next station.



### 27. STOP-1, 2, 3 STEPS FORWARD.

The dog/handler team stops at the exercise sign. With the dog sitting in heel position, the handler cues the dog to move and takes one step forward, then stops. This is followed by two steps and a stop, then three steps and a stop. The dog moves with the handler and sits each time the handler stops.

This is a static exercise.



### 28. STOP-TURN RIGHT-1 STEP-STOP.

Cue the dog to sit at heel, the dog moves with the handler as they turn to the right and take one full step and stop, the dog resumes the sitting position at heel.

This is a static exercise.

## STRAIGHT FIGURE 8



29. **STRAIGHT FIGURE 8.** Four cones are placed in a straight line approximately 1.5 metres apart. The exercise sign is placed near the first cone in the line. Entry into the weaving pattern is between the first and second cone with the first cone on the dog/handler team's left. Dog and handler weave through the cones, loop the end cone and weave back to the beginning of the pattern. Exit direction from the pattern is dependent on the placement of the next exercise station.



## SERPENTINE WEAVE ONCE

30. **SERPENTINE** This exercise uses four cones, approximately 1.5 metres apart in a straight line. The dog/handler team enters with the first cone on their left, weaves through the cones and exits at the last cone. The dog/handler team does not weave back down through the cones



*Finish*



## LEAVE DOG



## CALL TO HEEL



## CALL FRONT SIDESTEP R/L

### *Bonus Exercise 1*

**BONUS EXERCISE: STOP, LEAVE DOG, CALL TO HEEL.** This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign, the handler will stop and the dog must sit. Once the dog is sitting, the handler may take the lead off or the dog may drag the lead. The handler then proceeds to B2, Call to Heel. The handler will stop at this sign. The handler will not turn to face the dog but instead, with his/her back to the dog, will call the dog to move to heel position. The handler may turn his/her head slightly while cueing the dog to heel. The dog must come promptly and sit at heel position. The handler may cue the dog to sit at heel. Once sitting, the handler will pick up/put on the lead and the exercise is considered complete.

### *Bonus Exercise 2*

#### **CALL DOG FRONT-SIDE STEP RIGHT OR LEFT**

While moving, handler calls dog to front and may take several steps back as dog comes and sits in front position. Once the dog is sitting in front position, the handler takes 1 full step to either the right or left. The dog must move sideways with the handler and after moving, must sit in front position. Once the dog has moved sideways and is sitting in front, the exercise is complete.



### *Bonus Exercise 3*

#### **STOP LEAVE DOG RECALL-TURN AND CALL-FINISH R/L**

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign the dog/handler team stops and the handler leaves the dog. Once the dog is sitting, the handler may take the lead off or the dog may drag the lead. The handler walks to the Turn- Call-Finish R/L sign and turns and calls the dog to front position. The dog must come and sit at front. The handler must cue the dog to finish – right or left, at handler’s discretion. Once the dog is sat at heel, the handler will pick up/put on the lead and the exercise is considered complete. The Turn-Call-Finish R/L sign is placed approximately 3 metres from the Stop Leave Dog Recall Sign.

## Levels 3 and 4

Levels 3 and 4 are performed off-lead. A Level 3 or Level 4 course consists of 15-17 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and Bonus Exercise signs



*START*



4

1

2

3

**OFF SET  
FIGURE 8**

31. **OFF-SET FIGURE 8.** This exercise requires four bowls with tempting dog treats. A freestanding mesh cover is placed over the bowls to prevent a dog who breaks heel position from being rewarded by eating the treats. The four bowls are arranged in a flattened diamond pattern – the two “end” bowls are 3 metres apart; the two “side” bowls are 1.5 metres apart. The dog/handler team enters the Figure 8 with the exercise sign to their left according to the position of previous station and turns either to the left or the right. Form a figure of eight around the 1 & 3 bowls. Exit according to position of next station i.e. passing between 1 & 4; 3 & 4; 2 & 3 or 1 & 2. There are no stops in this exercise. The handler may cue the dog to leave the bowls alone.

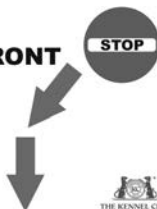




**STOP**  
**LEAVE DOG**



**TURN**  
**CALL TO FRONT**  
**(ANGLED)**  
**FINISH R/L**



**LEAVE DOG**  
**RECALL**



**TURN &**  
**CALL FRONT**



- 32,33. **STOP LEAVE DOG-TURN CALL TO FRONT (ANGLED) FINISH R/L** Two exercise signs are needed for this exercise.

At the Stop Leave Dog sign the dog/handler team halts and the handler leaves the dog. The handler walks to the Turn Call to Front (angled) sign which is placed a minimum of 3 metres away and set approx. 1.8 metres to either the right or left of the Stop Leave Dog sign so that the dog is coming from an angle. At the second sign the handler turns and calls the dog to front position. The dog must come in at an angle and sit in front position. The handler then cues the dog to Finish either Right or Left.

- 34,35. **STOP-LEAVE DOG-RECALL-TURN & CALL (DOG) FRONT.** Two exercise signs are needed for this exercise. The first sign directs the handler to stop and have the dog sit at heel. The handler cues the dog to stay, and then leaves the dog from heel position without instruction from the judge. Handler proceeds to the Turn and Call Front sign. As the handler approaches the second sign, he/she turns to face the dog, leaving ample room behind for the dog to complete a finish. Without further instruction from the judge, handler calls the dog to the front position. Dog must sit close enough to the handler to be touched on the head or the collar. This exercise is completed with the dog sitting in the front position, thus must be followed by either Exercise 36: Finish Right, or 37: Finish Left.



36. **FINISH RIGHT.** With the dog sitting in front of the handler, handler cues the dog to finish to the right. The dog moves to the handler's right, continues around the handler and sits in the heel position. This is a static exercise.



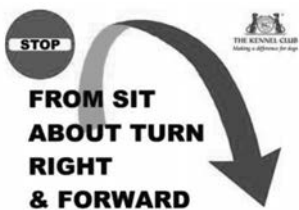
37. **FINISH LEFT.** With the dog sitting in the front position, handler cues the dog to finish to the left. The dog moves to the handler's left, turns toward the handler and moves into a sit in the heel position. The "flip" finish, where the dog leaps up and to the left of the handler, turns in the air and lands in a sit in heel position, is also acceptable. This is a static exercise.



38. **STOP-180-DEGREE PIVOT RIGHT-STOP.** The dog/handler team comes to a stop and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and pivots 180 degrees in place to his/her right. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit in heel position at the second stop. This is a static exercise.



39. **STOP-180-DEGREE PIVOT LEFT-STOP.** The dog/handler team comes to a stop and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and pivots 180 degrees to his/her left. The dog moves with the handler and resumes a sit position at the second stop. This is a static exercise.



40. **STOP-FROM SIT-ABOUT TURN RIGHT & FORWARD.** This exercise is performed as in Exercise 38, except that there is no stop following the turn. The handler cues the dog to heel, turns 180 degrees to his/her right, and immediately moves forward with the dog in heel position.



41. **STOP-FROM SIT-ABOUT "U" TURN & FORWARD.** This exercise is performed as in Exercise 39 except that there is no stop following the turn. The handler cues the dog to move, turns 180 degrees to his/her left, and immediately moves forward with the dog in heel position.



42. **CALL (DOG) FRONT-1, 2, 3 STEPS BACKWARD.** After calling the dog to front as described in Exercise 15, the handler takes one step backward and stops. This is followed by two steps and a stop, then three steps and a stop. The dog moves toward the handler and resumes a sit in the front position each time the handler stops. Because this exercise concludes with the dog sitting in front of the handler, it must be followed by Exercise 36 (Finish Right) or 37 (Finish Left)



43. **SEND OVER JUMPS-Handler Runs By.** The jump may be either a solid or bar jump – the broad jump shall not be used. This exercise begins approximately 3 metres in front of and 1.8 metres to the right of the jump. The handler cues the dog to jump, then runs along a line 1.8 metres to the right of the jump. When the dog has completed the jump, the handler calls the dog to heel position and the dog/handler team continues to the next exercise station. If the dog is much faster than the handler, the dog may be called back to the handler without penalty. A line may be drawn on the ground to indicate the 1.8 metres mark.



44. **STOP-LEAVE-CALL (DOG) FRONT WHILE RUNNING.** The dog/handler team comes to a stop and the dog sits in heel position. The handler gives the dog a stay or wait cue and starts running forward. After 2 or 3 running steps, the handler calls the dog front. The dog must immediately start running to overtake the handler. As the dog approaches heel position, the handler slows down, and stops to allow the dog to come to the front position. The handler may take 3-4 steps backwards to accomplish the front. The speed that the handler runs is determined by the dog's ability to overtake the handler. The exercise should be completed in approximately 9 metres. Because this exercise concludes with the dog sitting in front of the handler, it must be followed by Exercise 36 (Finish Right) or 37 (Finish Left).



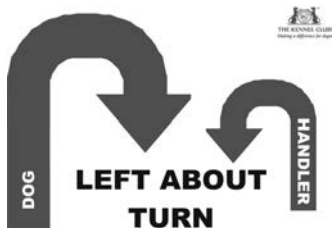
45. **MOVING DOWN & FORWARD.** While moving forward with the dog in heel position, the handler cues the dog to drop directly into a down position without first coming to a halt. When the dog is down, the handler cues the dog to heel, and moves forward.



46. **STOP-FAST FORWARD FROM SIT.** The dog/handler team comes to a stop and the dog sits in heel position. The handler cues the dog to heel and moves immediately into a fast pace from the stop. This exercise must be followed by Exercise 21 (Normal Pace), or it may be placed as the last exercise on the course, in which case the exercise and performance are concluded as the dog/handler team crosses the FINISH Line.



47. **STOP-SIDE STEP RIGHT-STOP.** The dog/handler team comes to a stop and the dog sits in heel position. The handler takes one side step directly to his/her right with the right foot and the dog moves sideways with the handler as the handler's left foot moves to meet the right foot. Ideally, the dog moves sideways to the right into heel position and sits. Handler then cues the dog to heel and moves forward toward the next exercise station. This is a static exercise. NB: The sign should be placed in the handler's path. After completion of the side step the dog/handler team passes with the sign on the handler's left.



48. **LEFT ABOUT TURN.** While moving forward with the dog in heel position, the handler does an about turn to his/her left, while the dog turns to the right, moving around the handler and back to heel position to continue moving with the handler in the new (opposite) direction. That is, the dog and handler do “opposite” about turns and then come back together as a team.



### **FINISH**



### **MOVING DOWN LEAVE DOG**



**(TURN)**

### **CALL TO FRONT FINISH R/L**

#### **BONUS EXERCISE 1**

**MOVING DOWN, LEAVE DOG (Turn)  
CALL FRONT, FINISH R/L** This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign, Moving Down Leave Dog, the handler will cue the dog to down and without hesitating, leave the dog. The handler may also turn and face the dog while cueing the dog to down and without hesitating, leave the dog. The handler may continue to face the dog while walking away. The handler’s movement to cue the dog to down and walk away should be smooth and continuous. The handler will proceed to the next sign, (Turn), Call Front Finish R/L. At this sign, the handler will (turn and) face the dog and call the dog to front. The dog must come promptly to front position. The handler will then cue the dog to Finish either Right or Left.



## **STOP LEAVE DOG**



## **TURN AND DOWN**

### *BONUS EXERCISE 2*

#### **STOP LEAVE DOG-TURN AND DOWN**

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign – Stop Leave Dog – the dog/handler team stops and the dog sits. The handler leaves the dog and walks to the next sign, which is placed approximately 1.8 metres away. At the second sign – Turn and Down – the handler turns and faces the dog and cues the dog to down. The dog must not walk forward into the down. Once the dog is down the handler returns to the dog and stands at heel position. The handler must return by passing the dog on the handler's right, turning around behind the dog and moving up into heel position.

## Levels 5 and 6

Levels 5 and 6 are performed off-lead. A Level 5 or Level 6 course consists of 15 - 17 exercise signs, exclusive of the Start and Finish exercise signs and the Bonus Exercise signs.

*START*49 *MOVING STAND WALK AROUND.*

The dog/handler team heels to the exercise sign and the handler cues the dog to remain standing. The dog may not sit first. The handler may not touch the dog. The handler then walks around the dog and returns to heel position and the dog/handler team heels forward to the next exercise sign.

This is a static exercise.

50,51. *MOVING STAND LEAVE DOG – TURN AND CALL TO HEEL* Two signs are required for this exercise.

The dog/handler team heels to the first exercise sign and the handler cues the dog to remain standing. The dog may not sit first. The handler may not touch the dog. The handler then leaves the dog in a stand and walks to the second exercise sign, approximately 2 – 3 metres away. The handler turns and faces the dog, then calls the dog to come directly to heel position without coming to front first. The dog does not have to sit in heel position. The dog/handler team then heels forward.







52,53. **MOVING STAND LEAVE DOG – DOWN, SIT, CALL FRONT AND FINISH.** This exercise requires two signs. The dog/handler team heels to the exercise sign and the handler cues the dog to remain standing. The dog may not sit first. The handler leaves the dog in a stand and walks to the next exercise sign and turns and faces the dog, approximately 2 – 3 metres away. The handler cues the dog to Down, then Sit, then calls the dog to Front. Once the dog is sitting in front, the handler may cue the dog to Finish Left or Right.

54. **MOVING BACKUP.** While heeling, the handler cues the dog to backup from a standing position. The handler takes three steps back while the dog heels backward with the handler, then moves forward. The dog may not sit before backing up.

55,56. **RECALL OVER JUMP.** This exercise uses two signs. The dog/handler team stops at a spot approximately 3 metres away from one side of the jump and centered to the jump. Handler cues dog to sit and wait/stay. The handler then walks to the opposite side of the jump to the second exercise sign, approximately 3 metres away from that side of the jump and centered. The handler turns and faces dog and calls the dog to come/front. The dog must come over the jump and sit in front of the handler. The handler then cues the dog to Finish either Right or Left.



- 57,58. **STOP, LEAVE DOG, TURN AND SEND OVER JUMP.** This exercise requires two signs. The dog/handler team stops at the first exercise sign, at a spot approximately 3metres away from the jump and 120 – 180 cm to either the right or left side of the jump. The handler leaves the dog in a Sit and walks to the second exercise sign, at a spot approximately 3 metres to the other side of the jump and directly facing the dog. The handler cues the dog to jump. The dog must come over the jump. The handler turns slightly after cueing the dog to jump so that the dog can come to front position after taking the jump but does not move forward towards the dog. The handler then cues the dog to Finish either Right or Left.



59. **RIGHT TURN 1 – 2 STEPS DOWN, FORWARD.** The handler turns to the right, cueing the dog to move with him/her. After turning and taking 1 or 2 steps and while moving forward, the handler cues the dog to Down. When the dog is in the down, the handler then cues the dog to heel forward from the down.



60. **LEFT TURN 1 – 2 STEPS DOWN, FORWARD.** The handler turns to the left, cueing the dog to move with him/her. After turning and taking 1 or 2 steps and while moving forward, the handler cues the dog to Down. When the dog is in the down, the handler then cues the dog to heel forward from the down.



**DOWN ON RECALL  
LEAVE DOG**



61,62. **STOP, LEAVE DOG, DOWN ON RECALL.** This exercise uses two signs. The dog/handler team stops at the first exercise sign and handler cues dog to Sit, Wait/Stay and walks approximately 4.5 metres to the second exercise sign. The handler turns and faces dog and calls the dog to come. At any time during the recall, the handler cues the dog to Down. Once the dog is down, the handler calls the dog to come again. The dog must come and sit in front position. The handler then cues the dog to Finish either Right or Left.

63. **CALL FRONT ABOUT TURN FORWARD.** The Call Front portion of this exercise is performed as in Exercise 15. For the second part of the exercise, the handler will do an about turn, either to the right or the left, cueing the dog to move with him/her in heel position.

*FINISH*



### ***BONUS EXERCISE 1 TURN, STOP, RETRIEVE, FINISH.***

Before beginning the course, the handler will give the ring steward or judge a retrieve object (toy, ball, dumbbell, glove, bumper, etc) As the dog/handler team is heeling to this exercise sign, the ring steward or judge will unobtrusively place the retrieve object on the floor approximately 4.5 metres from the exercise sign. This will be done while the dog/handler team's back is to the steward so the dog cannot see the object being placed. At the exercise sign, the dog/handler team shall perform either an About U Turn or an About Right turn and stop. The handler will direct the dog to look at the retrieve object and send the dog to pick up the object and return to front position. The handler takes the object from the dog and finishes the dog either Left or Right.

### ***BONUS EXERCISE 2 Call Front – Backup 3 Steps.***

While moving, the handler calls the dog to front and may take several steps backwards while the dog is coming to front. The dog must sit at front. Once the dog is sitting, the handler cues the dog to backup. The dog may stand first and then back up OR the dog may backup from a sit. The dog may not sit while backing up. As the dog walks backwards three steps the handler moves forward. The dog must remain in front position while backing up. There is no finish.



**STOP  
LEAVE DOG**



**TURN  
CALL FRONT**



**BONUS EXERCISE 3 Sypl Leave Dog – Turn Call Front (Distraction).**

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign – Stop Leave Dog – the dog/handler team stops and the dog sits. The handler leaves the dog and walks to the second sign Turn Call Front. At the second sign – Turn Call Front – the handler turns and faces the dog. The handler calls the dog to come to front.

**The judge must position herself/himself approximately 1.8 metres to the side of the handler, facing the dog at the Turn Call Front sign.** As the dog comes to the handler, the judge leaves the handler and walks forward, passing the dog approx. 1.8 metres to the side of the dog. The judge will need to turn and walk backwards after the dog has passed her/him. The dog must ignore the judge and come directly to the handler and sit in front position. There is no finish.

## CHIEF STEWARDS

### INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE DUTIES OF RALLY CHIEF STEWARDS

#### 1. Authority/Responsibilities.

- a. 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.
- b. A Chief Steward's responsibilities are to ensure that competitors and judges at all times abide by the Kennel Club Rules and S Regulations.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. A Chief Steward supports the show management team in the smooth running of the show.

#### 2. Duties.

- a. The show executive shall appoint a Chief Steward whose name must be announced in the schedule, and who must not enter for competition a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership or work a dog or act in any other capacity at the show.
- b. In the event of extreme adverse conditions at a show a Judge may alter exercises as deemed appropriate at the time and must always obtain full agreement of the Chief Steward unless in an emergency situation. The Chief Steward must be advised of the change and the reasons for it at the earliest opportunity. Any alteration to exercises must be reported by the show management to the Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of the show.
- c. Should a Judge be prevented from completing a class which has commenced, the Chief Steward shall decide what action is to be taken.
- d. The Chief Steward and the show management must act to remove a dog from the show under the conditions of Regulation S23 (Removal of Dogs)
- e. The Chief Steward alone shall be responsible for the control of any running order, which may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances. In such cases, the competitor will be required to work as directed by the Chief Steward and judge(s) of the relevant class(es) whose joint decision shall be final. All such decisions must be recorded in the Show's Kennel Club Incident Book.

## KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

*As at 1st January 2017*

**20. Dogs for Competitions.**—Dogs entered for any form of Kennel Club competition i.e. show classes, field trials, gundog working tests, obedience, working trials, agility, flyball, heelwork to music competitions, rally and canicross races must be registered in the name of the person(s) making the entry. If, at the closing date for entries, the owner(s) have applied for but have not received the Kennel Club registration certificate, the dog shall be entered in the name shown as the first choice on the application form for registration and the name should be followed by the letters "N.A.F" (Name Applied For). In the case of applications for transfer of ownership and change of name, the dog should be entered "T.A.F." (Transfer Applied For) "C.N.A.F." (Change of Name Applied For) where application has been made but not received. Dogs are exempt from registration in the following cases:-

- a. Dogs either exhibited exclusively in classes specially exempted by the Board or in special classes sanctioned by the Board.
- b. Hounds belonging to recognised packs.

**KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR THE  
REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
TITLE OF SOCIETIES, BRANCHES AND BREED  
COUNCILS AND THE AFFILIATION OF  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES AND MUNICIPAL  
AUTHORITIES**

*As at 1st January 2017*

**5. General**

- c. A Kennel Club licence is issued to the designated club only and it is non transferable under any circumstances.



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## AMENDMENTS TO S REGS RALLY

Regulation S24.a.(4) & (11)

**TO:**

Entered after the date announced for closing of entries, subject to the conditions of Regulation **S11.d.** or contrary to Kennel Club Rules and Regulations

**TO:**

Not correctly registered and recorded in the name of the owner at the Kennel Club or as provided in Regulation **S10.a.**

Regulation S26.d

**TO:**

With the exception of objections made under Regulation **23** (Removal of Dogs)...

Regulation S(B)4.b & c

**TO:**

- b. Dogs which are unmanageable and/or bark excessively will receive deductions based on the severity of the behaviour. The judge may require the removal of a dog from the ring for unmanageable or disruptive behaviour. In severe cases the dog may be required to be removed from the event as set out in Regulation **23** (Removal of Dogs).
- c. If the handler uses physical or harsh verbal corrections, the judge shall note "NQ – P/VC" on the score sheet for that dog/handler team. The judge may, at his or her discretion **dependent** on the severity...

Regulation S(D)

Add Numbers for Regulations:

1. Authority/Responsibilities
2. Duties

Regulation S(D)2.d

**TO:**

The Chief Steward and the show management must act to remove a dog from the show under the conditions of Regulation **S23** (Removal of Dogs)

New Regulation S17. Dog Fouling

- a. **Any owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove, as soon as possible any fouling cause by their dog(s) at any Kennel Club licensed event within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.**
- b. **Any organisation holding a Kennel Club licensed event is required to provide an adequate number of receptacles for the disposal of such fouling.**

## Regulation S17. f. Judging

**TO:**

Judges at a Rally competition ~~may enter a class they are not judging, provided it does not conflict with their judging assignment. However, host associations will not interrupt or delay any class to accommodate judges must not enter for~~ **competition a dog which is recorded in their sole ownership, or handle a dog, at the Competition at which they are judging. A dog recorded in part ownership with the Judge may be entered for competition in any part of a class other than the part which the judge is judging.**  
(Deletion struck through. Insertions in bold.)

## Regulation S(A)3. Titles

(Only the highest Level title achieved should be used after the dog's name. The title is designated as 'RL1', 'RL2', 'RL3', 'RL4', 'RL5', or 'RL6' and appears after the dog's name).

## Level 1 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 1, ~~or at Level 2 while eligible for Level 1.~~

## Level 2 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 2, ~~or at Level 3 while eligible for Level 2.~~

## Level 3 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 3, ~~or at Level 4 while eligible for Level 3.~~

## Level 4 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 4, ~~or at Level 5 while eligible for Level 4.~~

## Level 5 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 5, ~~or at Level 6 while eligible for Level 5.~~

## Level 6 Title

Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 6.

Transitional provision - a dog which has achieved a Level 2 or a Level 3 Title before 1 January 2014 (under the previous definitions) shall be entitled to the designation RL3 or RL5 respectively on and after 1 January 2014.

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