



## RALLY - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

from Kennel Club Working Party Meeting 16 January 2017

	Proposed	Recommended	Action
1.	Titles	<p>The Working Party noted that the Board approved the following amendments to the S Regulations:</p> <p>Regulation S(A)3. TO:            (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).</p> <p>Level 1 Title            Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 1, <del>or at Level 2 while eligible for Level 1.</del></p> <p>Level 2 Title            Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 2, <del>or at Level 3 while eligible for Level 2.</del></p> <p>Level 3 Title            Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 3, <del>or at Level 4 while eligible for Level 3.</del></p> <p>Level 4 Title            Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 4, <del>or at Level 5 while eligible for Level 4.</del></p> <p>Level 5 Title            Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 5, <del>or at Level 6 while eligible for Level 5.</del></p> <p>Level 6 Title            Requires three qualifying scores of 170 or better, earned under three different judges at Level 6.</p> <p>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.            (Deletions struck through)</p>	<p>Competitors and competition organisers to note.</p> <p>The amended regulations came into effect on 1 January 2017.</p>
2.	Find a Dog Club	<p>It was confirmed that the Find a Dog club website now had features to allow users to identify clubs offering Rally training. A link to the site can be found here:  <a href="http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/services/public/findaclub/activity/Default.aspx">http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/services/public/findaclub/activity/Default.aspx</a></p>	Competitors and competition organisers to note.
3.	Competition Management Seminar	<p>The seminar will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Chieveley Village Hall, Newbury, Berks, RG20 8TE. It will include specific content relating to the role and responsibilities of Chief Rally Stewards and Competition Organisers.</p>	Competitors and competition organisers to note.



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		<p>Tickets cost £35, which includes lunch and light refreshments during the day, and places can be reserved through the Kennel Club's online shop. The deadline to apply is 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.</p> <p>For more information and to apply, please visit the following website:  <a href="http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/rally/rally-competition-management-seminar/">www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/rally/rally-competition-management-seminar/</a>.</p>	
4.	Quarterly Rally Publication	<p>The Working Party received a report on releasing a quarterly update for the Rally discipline. Contact had been made with Working Trials Monthly about including content in their magazine. It was confirmed that discussions to proceed with adding Rally content were progressing on both sides.</p> <p>Content for the magazine would be sourced from the wider rally community and its suitability checked by Mrs Bradley prior to submission to the magazine. It was agreed that the Working Party would be responsible for helping to produce suitable content.</p>	All to note.
5.	Crufts	<p>The Working Party noted that commentary for the Inter-Regional competition was undertaken by Ms Prince in 2017. The event was designed to act as a demonstration of Rally, with a competitive element.</p> <p>In order to provide a positive experience for all concerned, dogs would receive an NQ score only under the following circumstances: a dog fouling the ring; a dog considered to be out of control; or harsh handling.</p> <p>A review of the event would be undertaken at the next Working Party meeting.</p>	Competitors to note.
6.	Kennel Club Roadshow	It was confirmed that the Roadshow would attend the FITdogs Listed Status rally competitions in Haxey, South Yorkshire, on the 22 and 23 July 2017.	Competitors and competition organisers to note.
7.	Chief Rally Steward Document	A draft Guide for Chief Rally Stewards was noted and would be available for publication in the near future.	Competition organisers to note.
8.	Working Group	The Working Group set up in 2016 to review the levels, S regulations and point scoring gave an update on their current review of the discipline. The specific areas that the Working Group are looking at are as follows:	Competitors wishing to submit their views should get in touch no later than 1 June 2017 at



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		<p><u>Review of Levels</u> The addition, revision, removal, and possible changes of levels for exercises.</p> <p><u>Review of S Regulations</u> The minimum ring size and number of signs, ring demarcation, the size of signs and appropriateness of equipment, the speed of dog and handler progression, the requirements of judges at different levels, the distance between signs in a course design, the number of exercises per course, the number of sits and downs per course, and food bowl exercises.</p> <p>It was emphasised that any proposed amendments to the S Regulations should conform to guidance that had previously already been issued. Formal proposals would be submitted to the Working Party at its next meeting.</p> <p><u>Review of Points Scoring</u> The Working Party did not believe that major changes would be necessary to points scoring. However, it was agreed that a further review should still be carried out, and a formal proposal submitted to the Working Party at its summer meeting.</p>	<p>the following address. <a href="mailto:rally@thekennelclub.org.uk">rally@thekennelclub.org.uk</a></p>
9.	YKC and Rally	<p>Mrs Coughlan-Khan in her new role as a liaison between the YKC and the Working Party had attended the YKC's Activity Weekend in October 2016. She noted that the event had been well attended. Participants had been required to take part in all scheduled activities. The feedback received from young handlers towards rally had been highly positive.</p>	<p>Competitors and competition organisers to note.</p>
10.	Five Year Plan	<p>Some amendments were made to the plan and specific items discussed, which were as follows:</p> <p><u>Attract new competitors</u> It was agreed that any discussion regarding the creation of an additional class for new competitors should be deferred until 2020 as issues relating to progression needed to be considered first.</p> <p><u>Retain existing competitors</u> The creation of a Rally Warrant, whilst considered to be an important issue, was not a high priority and would be considered further once other changes had taken effect.</p>	<p>Competitors and competition organisers to note.</p>



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		<p><u>Raise the profile of rally</u> Following the successful rally competition which had taken place at the Ladies Kennel Association's Championship Show in December 2016, it was noted that a number of championship breed shows had also expressed interest in scheduling rally events.</p> <p><u>Raise standard of competition</u> It was highlighted that all competitors should be encouraged to attend the judging seminars to improve their knowledge of the regulations and how they would be judged. A flyer/poster would be created to promote the seminars.</p> <p><u>Communicating with the rally community</u> It was agreed that a communications plan would be undertaken and drafted with a view to completion by the end of 2017.</p>	
11.	Kennel Club Policy on Members of a Working Party	It was clarified that Kennel Club policy was to appoint Working Parties to those disciplines which are not sufficiently large to warrant the establishment of a Liaison Council.	Competitors to note.
12.	Date of next meeting	It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 17 July 2017. Anyone wishing to submit agenda items must do so at least three weeks prior to the meeting date.	All to note.