



RALLY - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

from The Kennel Club Working Party Meeting 1 May 2018 and 16 July 2018

	Subject	Recommended	Action
1.	Membership of the Working Party	<p>The Board has approved the appointment of Mrs Wells as Chairman of the Working Party, to replace Mrs Garner who had resigned from the Working Party. The Working Party wished to record its thanks to Mrs Garner for her efforts on its behalf which were much appreciated.</p> <p>The Board has also approved the appointment of Mrs Coughlan-Khan to the Activities Committee, to represent rally. Following the Kennel Club's Annual General Meeting on 15 May 2018, the representative for rally has been formally allocated a place on the Committee with full voting rights, rather than as a guest as was previously the case.</p> <p>Further, the Board approved the appointment of Mrs Wells to the Activities Health and Welfare Sub-Group to represent rally.</p>	Competitors, judges and show organisers to note
2.	Amendments to S Regulations (with effect from 1 January 2019)	<p>A full review of S Regulations was carried out by the Working Party following the formal consultation process which ended on 17 April 2018.</p> <p>Following the review, a number of amendments to the S Regulations were recommended by the Working Party and were approved by the Board at its meeting on 17 July 2018 and will come into effect on 1 January 2019.</p> <p>Full details of the amended Regulations may be found at: https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/1159921/list-of-changes-to-rallyregulations.pdf</p> <p>New signs may be downloaded from: https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/rally/</p>	Competitors, judges and show organisers to note.



		and will also be available from the Kennel Club shop: https://www.thekennelclubshop.org.uk/collections/publications	
3.	Changes to Rally signs	In view of the number of changes being made to Rally, and mindful of the potential costs to clubs and show organisers, the Board approved the Working Party's recommendation that no further major changes would be made to Rally signs within the next five years, with the proviso that exceptions would be permissible in the case of urgent issues relating to health and safety	Rally training clubs and show organisers to note.
4.	Use of electronic shock collars	The Working Party noted that the Board approved the following new Regulation: B25 Kennel Club registered dogs at Licensed Events The use of electronic shock collars is not permitted at any event licensed by the Kennel Club; this includes all competitions, ie show classes, field trials, gundog working tests, obedience, working trials, agility, flyball, heelwork to music, rally and canicross races. This must apply at the venue, ground or within the precincts of the such venue or ground. (Insertion in bold) (With immediate effect) Note: it has subsequently been announced that Defra will completely ban the use of remote control electric shock collars in England. This follows a ban in Wales in 2010 and an effective ban in Scotland which will be introduced by way of guidance.	Competitors, judges and show organisers to note.
5.	Accredited trainers	A number of new Accredited Trainers for Rally have been appointed, as follows: Ms Julia Bodsworth Ms Becky Collier Ms Rachel Cooper Ms Sarah Lindsey Ms Amy Jackson	Competitors, judges and show organisers to note.
6.	Ongoing training for judges	The Working Party was of the view that at present there was no requirement for judges to undertake mandatory ongoing training on a regular basis. However, it was fully supportive of the need to provide transition seminars in order to ensure that existing judges were fully aware of the amendments to S Regulations which would come into effect on 1 January 2019. Arrangements for the provision of such courses was in hand.	Judges to note.



7.	Guide to Rally judges	The Working Party was in the process of reviewing the Guide for Rally Judges, in view of the amendments to S Regulations, in order to provide detailed assistance to judges. It was hoped that the revised Guide would be available from January 2019, or earlier if possible.	Judges to note.
8.	Conformation and Movement seminar	<p>The Working Party noted that the Board has approved a recommendation from the Activities Judges Sub-Group that all activities judges should be recommended to attend, or view online, a Conformation and Movement seminar.</p> <p>Details of seminars are available at: https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/training/judges-education/training-seminars/</p> <p>Online seminars may be viewed via the Kennel Club Academy at https://www.kcacademy.org.uk/</p>	Judges to note.
9.	The Kennel Club Academy	The Working Party noted that additional time has been allocated for preparation of content relating to Rally for the Kennel Club Academy due to the extensive amendments to S Regulations.	Competitors, judges and show organisers to note.
10.	Social Media	The Working Party noted the Activities Judges Sub-Group's view that the use of social media by show societies to seek the availability of judges was acceptable, however it remained the case that the soliciting of appointments by judges themselves was not appropriate.	Judges and competition organisers to note.
11.	Inter-regional Rally competition at Crufts	Revised rules, applicable to the Inter-Regional Rally competition at Crufts in 2019, have been approved by the Crufts Committee whereby teams will in future only include one Level 2 dog, making a team of six with a Level 1 reserve.	Competitors to note.
12.	Rally events at breed shows	A number of breed shows are offering Rally events and all competitors are encouraged to support them.	Competitors to note.
13.	Young Kennel Club (YKC)	<p>A team of YKC handlers had been featured doing Rally at the Caravan Show in February, and it was hoped this would continue in future.</p> <p>Following feedback from Junior handlers, it had been decided not to hold specific YKC Rally classes at some shows this year. Junior handlers are instead being encouraged to enter standard classes alongside adults but numbers of young handlers remained low and more promotion was needed.</p>	YKC members to note.



		<p>Rally training was included as part of the YKC Activity weekend in July. It had been very well received by handlers, and a good range of breeds were represented. A further training weekend would take place in November 2018, and Rally would once again be included.</p> <p>The YKC office had approved specific training days and/or weekends for Rally and Competitive Obedience. These would take place at different venues around the UK and dates and further information would be available in due course.</p>	
14.	YKC Rally at Crufts	<p>Some YKC handlers had formed part of the Dog Activities Rally display team at Crufts 2018 and one of them had acted as part of the Main Ring team. A great deal of positive feedback had been received from the Rally community and from the public supporting the inclusion of a young handler.</p> <p>A YKC Rally competitive display will be taking place at Crufts in 2019. It will be an invitational event in the first year, with 10 handlers of mixed ability taking part.</p> <p>The Working Party was pleased to note that Mrs Williams had been approved to judge the competition in 2019.</p> <p>From 2019, YKC members would collect points from standard classes in order to qualify to compete at Crufts from 2020 onwards.</p>	YKC members to note
15.	Kennel Club Roadshow	<p>The Roadshow attended the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Great Britain's Rally competitions in Daventry, Northants, on 22 and 23 September 2018.</p>	
16.	Course plans	<p>The Working Party noted concerns regarding recent instances of judges designing courses which were not acceptable. It noted that in future, judges would be required to submit course plans to Chief Stewards prior to a competition taking place. It was hoped that any issues concerning course plans could be dealt with by means of tact and diplomacy by both judges and Chief Stewards.</p> <p>However, in cases where an official considered himself or herself to have been the subject of intimidation or inappropriate behaviour, a report should be made in the competition's Incident Book.</p>	Judges, show organisers and Chief Stewards to note.



		<p>The Working Party agreed that the use of a mentoring system, similar to that used in Agility, may be beneficial in assisting judges in the issue of course design, and agreed that the matter would be given further consideration.</p>	
<p>17.</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>The Working Party agreed that its next meeting will take place on 15 April 2019.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to submit agenda items must do so at least three weeks prior to the meeting date.</p>	<p>Competitors, judges and show organisers to note.</p>