

AKC Rally Regulations - 9-2018

There are a couple of things that have been slipping through the cracks at Rally trials; so, we want to help clubs remember the following items.

Rally Entry Limitations and Class Requirements:

When entries are limited, a club must designate an RAE and a Rally Champion (RACH) class in the premium list. Dogs entered in the RAE class would be entered in both Advanced B and Excellent B, and the combined entry fee for these two classes must be paid. If due to entry limits an exhibitor cannot be entered in both the Advanced B and Excellent B classes, the RAE class will be considered closed and any subsequent entries for this class will be unacceptable in their entirety.

Dogs entered in the RACH class would be entered in Advanced B, Excellent B and the Master class. The combined entry fee for these three classes must be paid. If due to entry limits an exhibitor cannot be entered in the Advanced B, Excellent B and Master classes the RACH class will be considered closed and any subsequent entries for this class will be unacceptable in their entirety.

However, a club at its discretion may choose to establish a wait list in order to fill openings created by entries that are withdrawn prior to the event closing date. If a club is maintaining a wait list, this shall be stated in the premium. The full entry fee shall be refunded to an entrant whose entry is replaced by a wait-listed entry.

These requirements are to keep dogs from only getting into part of the classes they need for the RAE or RACH, and is handled the same as the UDX class in obedience.

Rally Awards:

At all rally trials, the Highest Combined (HC) score in Advanced B and Excellent B, and the Highest Combined Triple qualifying (HTQ) score in Advanced B, Excellent B, and Master are required awards. It is the club's responsibility to calculate these awards, determine if a run-off is necessary and provide this information to the judge. Clubs should be prepared to have these awards presented as soon as the results allow, and while the exhibitors remain on site.

Revisions to the AKC Rally Regulations RALLY TRIAL LIMITATIONS

The Board approved a recommendation to remove the limit on the number of Rally trials a club may hold per year. The purpose is to provide clubs flexibility to hold events based on the demand they have from exhibitors in their area. This change will also allow clubs to add rally to special multi-sport events without disrupting their normal schedule.

“Show or obedience [rally] clubs have the option to hold any number of obedience or rally trials.”

The new AKC Rally Regulations will read: CHAPTER 1. General Regulations, Section 1. Application to hold a Rally trial. Any AKC Club may be granted permission to hold a rally trial if, in the opinion of the AKC Board of Directors, it is qualified to do so, provided the club holds the event(s) for which it was originally formed at least once every two years.

Clubs meeting the requirements of the AKC that wish to hold a rally trial must apply on the form the AKC provides for permission to hold such a trial with the appropriate application fee. A rally trial is a separate event, with a separate event number. The event application with appropriate fee must be submitted at least 18 weeks before the closing date for entries to the event. The trial may be held as a separate event or in conjunction with another event. A club may be approved to hold an unlimited number of licensed

or member rally events in a calendar year.

A club may hold two rally trials concurrently or consecutively, at the same site on the same day, or two clubs may hold their rally trials consecutively at the same site on the same day. This information must be clearly stated in the premium list(s). If two trials are held consecutively on the same day, the scheduled judging program for both events cannot exceed eight hours of judging time. A club may limit the number of entries in its rally trial. No judge will be assigned to judge more than eight hours in one day, including any other judging assignments when the rally trial is held in conjunction with other events.

(No further changes were made to this section.)

This Regulation change will become effective January 1, 2019.

RALLY INTERMEDIATE CLASS ELIGIBILITY

The Board approved a recommendation to change the eligibility requirements for the Rally Intermediate class to allow dogs that have earned a qualifying score in the Advanced class to enter the Intermediate class. Once a dog has earned the Advanced level title, it is no longer eligible to participate in the Intermediate class unless entries have closed. The purpose is to remove eligibility barriers to exhibitors competing in the optional Rally Intermediate class.

This Regulation change became effective August 1, 2018.

CHAPTER 1, Section 16. Entry Eligibility, Change of Entry. (5th bullet changed and new bullet added. The remainder of this section is unchanged.)

After a dog earns a title from an "A" class, it may continue showing in that "A" class for 60 days.

After 60 days, it may compete in that level "B" class. A dog may continue to compete in Novice B until it receives a qualifying score in the Rally Advanced class.

A dog may compete in the Novice B and Intermediate class at the same trial.

A dog may compete in the Intermediate and Advanced class at the same trial.

After a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, they are no longer eligible for the Novice class.

Once a dog earns a qualifying score in Advanced, the dog may be shown in the Novice class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.

After a dog earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title it is no longer eligible for the Rally Intermediate class.

Once a dog earns the Rally Advanced title, the dog may be shown in the Rally Intermediate class at trials for which entries have closed; if entries have not closed they must be changed.

Chapter 3. Classes and Titles. Section 5.

Rally Intermediate Class. To be eligible for entry in this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but may not have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title prior to the close of entries.

All dogs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class.

Sincerely,

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