

## RALLY REGULATIONS CHANGES (effective 1 January 2020)

Regulation S2.b.

**TO:**

- 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, **2, or 3** 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~~ **4** or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises.

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(Effective 1 January 2020)

Regulation S5.b.

**TO:**

b. **Special Classes**

- (1) 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.
- (2) **Special classes may allow the use of food and/or silent toy rewards in the ring, but their use must be detailed in the schedule. Reward areas should be clearly defined and allow the use of both food and toys. Food should be carried in a sealed container and toys should be carried concealed, alternatively the reward may be left in the reward area in a sealed container.**
- (3) **Where special classes allow the use of food and/or silent toys their use should not impact competitors in other rings.**
- (4) **Where a ring is to be shared between a standard class and a special class which allows food and/or silent toys, the standard class must be scheduled first to ensure that the ring does not contain food.**

(Insertions in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2020)

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

- a. The application to hold a competition must be submitted to the Secretary of the Kennel Club, and must be accompanied by the appropriate **licence** fee, **at least six weeks before the proposed date of the competition.**
- ~~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.~~

(Renumber sub-paragraphs accordingly)

New Regulation S8.e.

**TO:**

- e. **The Board shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel any competition held under these regulations.**

(Insertion in bold.)

(Effective 1 July 2019)

New Regulation S8.f.

**TO:**

- f. Any cancellation or abandonment of a competition without prior permission of the Board must be reported in writing to the Kennel Club without delay.**

(Insertion in bold.)

(Effective 1 July 2019)

Regulation S15.a.

**TO:**

Facilities and Equipment .It is the competition organiser's responsibility to provide the following:

- a. Information to the judge as soon as possible after the closing of entries concerning the number of entries, Exercise Modification Forms, the height of the dogs (for Level ~~3~~ **4** and above), proposed ring size, and venue surface.

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New Regulation S19.h. Judging

**TO:**

**Judges must submit course plans to the Secretary and/or the Chief Steward no later than 10 days prior to the competition date.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

(Effective 1 January 2020)

Regulation S21.f.

**TO:**

- f. Food shall not be carried or given to a dog under test, **except in special classes where the use of food and/or silent toy rewards has been specified in the Schedule.**

(Insertion in bold)

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Regulation S21.g.

**TO:**

- g. The use of a toy as an incentive in the ring between or during exercises is prohibited **in all standard and special classes, except in those special classes where the use of food and/or silent toy rewards has been specified in the Schedule.**

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2020)

Regulation S21.h.

**TO:**

Dogs must compete in a buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes, harnesses, slip leads, check and half-check collars are not allowed. **A medicated collar may also be worn in the ring.**

(Insertion in bold.)

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#### Regulation S.27. Objections.

##### TO:

- 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 **must** 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.

When an objection is lodged the following information must be given;  
A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s).  
The objection fee of £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the Board.

The name and address of the objector.

The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).

All relevant evidence.

The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.

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#### Regulation S(A)2. Eligibility

##### TO:

When entered for a competition in a standard class, a dog must be entered at the level for which it is eligible. The dog may also, if desired, be entered in up to two additional classes, one further standard class at the subsequent higher level, one additional special class, or two additional special classes. A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes. Special classes do not count towards progression. **Once a dog has gained any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.**

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#### Regulation S(B)2

##### TO:

- (2) Once used, an exercise should not be repeated, with the exception of right and left turns **and normal pace.**

(Insertion in bold)

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#### Regulation S(B)3.a.

##### TO:

- a. Sign Placement

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

- (2) Straight figure 8, distraction exercises, Spiral Left, Serpentine, **and** Side Step Right ~~and Send Over Jump~~ signs are placed so that they are on the handler's left.

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## Regulation S(B)3.a.(2) RING MANAGEMENT

### TO:

#### a. Sign Placement

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

(1) Turns and Pivots may be placed directly in the handler's path.

**(2) Side Step Right should be placed in the handler's path**

~~(2) (3) Straight Figure 8, distraction exercises, Spiral Left, and Serpentine, Side Step Right,~~ signs are placed so that they are on the handler's left

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## Regulation S(B)3.i.Bonus Exercise

### TO:

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...~~

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## Regulation S(C) Sign17

### TO:

NORMAL PACE. As the dog/handler team draw level with the sign they move forward at a normal pace that is comfortable for the dog and handler.

~~NB: at Levels 1 and 2 this is a separate exercise but at Level 3 or above the change in pace and return to normal pace is judged as one complete exercise.~~

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## Regulation S(C) 56. SIT LEAVE DOG - RECALL OVER JUMP.

### TO:

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign (A) the handler and dog stop with the dog sitting at heel. **The jump must be approximately 4 metres from sign (A).** The handler cues the dog to wait then walks to the second sign (B) which is approximately 4 metres away from the opposite side of the jump. The handler turns and faces the dog and recalls the dog. 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.

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## Regulation S(C) 66. SIT - LEAVE DOG - ANGLED RECALL OVER JUMP.

### TO:

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign (A) the handler and dog stop with the dog sitting at heel. **The jump must be approximately 4 metres from sign (A).** The handler cues the dog to wait then walks to the second sign (B) which is placed approximately 4 metres away from the jump and 1 metre to either the right or left of the jump. The handler turns and faces the dog and cues the dog to jump. The dog must come over the jump and sit straight in front of the handler. The handler then cues the dog to Finish either Right or Left.

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Regulation S(C)59

**TO:**

59. SEND OVER JUMP - HANDLER RUNS BY. As the handler and dog team approach the sign the handler sends the dog towards the jump which is approximately 4 metres in front of and 1.5 metres to the left of their path. The handler continues at a brisk pace along a line 1.5 metres to the right of the jump. When the dog has completed the jump, the handler calls the dog to the heel position and the dog/handler team ~~continues to the~~ **return to their normal pace as they heel towards the** next exercise approximately 4 metres ahead. 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 1.5 metres mark. NB. This sign is now placed on the handler's right, not on their left where it was previously placed.

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Regulation S(B)2

**TO:**

**(6) All exercises stand alone (except where two exercises are linked). The positioning of exercises should be planned carefully to ensure that one does not impact on another.**

**(7) Courses should be designed so that the route between exercises does not transit other exercises. Competitors may only be required to pass through cone and distraction exercises when performing that particular exercise.**

**(8) Sometimes it may be necessary for competitors to pass a Distraction or Jump exercise - where this is unavoidable these exercises should be on the handler's right.**

(Insertions in bold)

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Regulation S(C) Bonus Exercise 5

**TO:**

**SIT – LEAVE DOG – TURN – RECALL – HANDLER FINISH**

This exercise requires two signs. At the first sign (A) the handler and dog stop with the dog sitting at heel. The handler may take the lead off or the dog may drag the lead. The handler walks to the second sign (B), which is placed approximately 2 metres from sign A, turns and recall the dog to the front position. The dog remains in the sit whilst the handler moves **left to take up** the heel position. **This is not a walk around exercise.**

NB: If this bonus is used at Level 3 or above there is no requirement to reattach the lead before attempting the bonus exercise.

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