



RALLY - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

from The Kennel Club Working Party Meeting 9 January 2020

	Subject	Recommended	Action
1.	Regulation Amendments	<p>The Working Party noted that the Board, at its meeting on 8 October 2019, approved the following amendments to S Regulations: Regulation S5.b.</p> <p>TO:</p> <p>b. Special Classes</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3) Where special classes allow the use of food and/or silent toys their use should not impact competitors in other rings.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(Insertions in bold)</p> <p>(Effective 1 January 2020)</p> <p>Regulation S21.f.</p> <p>TO:</p> <p>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)</p>	Competitors, judges and competition organisers to note.



	<p>(Effective 1 January 2020)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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) (Effective 1 January 2020)</p> <p>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.</p>	
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		<p>(Insertion in bold) (Effective 1 January 2020)</p> <p>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 (Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through) (Effective 1 January 2020)</p>	
2.	Reaccreditation of Accredited Trainers	The Board approved the reaccreditation of Mrs Bradley as an Accredited Trainer for Rally for 5 years.	Competitors, judges and show organisers to note.
3	Rally Display at Crufts	<p>The YKC Rally display competition took place on the Saturday of Crufts 2020, judged by Ann Nash. Five selected young handlers, aged between 11 and 23, attended Crufts with their dogs, a range of breeds and crossbreeds. First place was awarded to Keris Reynolds-Dobson, 13 years old, with her 7 year old Crossbreed Teazer. Second place was awarded to Lara Pavitt, 16 years old, with Browse, her 12 year old Australian Shepherd Dog.</p> <p>All the partnerships produces work of a very high standard, which generated a large amount of positive feedback and enquiries from young people wishing to become involved in Rally.</p>	All to note.
4.	Submission of Agenda Items	The Working Party wished to clarify that any member of the Rally community wishing to submit an item for discussion may do so at any time and it would be included on the next available agenda.	All to note.
5.	Date of Next Meeting	The Working Party noted that its next meeting will be held on 7 July 2020. Items for the agenda must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the meeting date i.e. by 16 June 2020.	Competitors, judges and show organisers to note.