

# RALLY REGULATIONS



Pima County 4H Dog Project  
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## Rally rules for Pima County 4H Dog Project will follow current amended AKC Rally Regulations

### **AKC RALLY® INTRODUCTION**

AKC Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge.

The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at a brisk pace through a course of designated stations (10-20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. The dog and handler team moves continuously at a brisk but normal pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect heel position is not required.

Any faults in traditional AKC Obedience that would be evaluated and scored as a one-point deduction or more should be scored the same in rally, unless otherwise mentioned in the *Rally Regulations*.

After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly. Unless otherwise specified in these regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, give additional commands and/or signals using one or both arms, clap their hands, pat their legs or use any verbal means of encouragement. The handler must move in a natural manner. The handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands, intimidating signals, touching the dog (unless otherwise specified by these regulations) or any physical corrections will be penalized. There will be a penalty for any dog that is picked up or carried at any time in the rally ring while under judgment.

**Note:** A dog is under judgment until it leaves the ring.

AKC Rally is a companion sport to AKC Obedience. Both require teamwork between dog and handler along with similar performance skills.

Rally provides an excellent introduction to AKC Companion Events for new dogs and handlers and can provide a challenging opportunity for competitors in other events to strengthen their skills. All rally titles will follow the dog's name with the exception of the Rally National Champion title. The winner of the Rally National Championship will be permitted to use the letters RNC preceding the AKC name of the dog. The *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, where applicable, shall govern the conduct of AKC Rally trials and shall apply to all persons and dogs participating in them, except as these *Rally Regulations* may otherwise provide.

(Above quoted from AKC Rally Regulations)