

# RallyOnline Group

## IDENTIFICATION PROCESS - at the beginning of each and every round....

The judge needs to see that the handler has nothing in their hands.

The show organisers need to ID the team competing. Just as at a real show, the Judge only identifies the competitor by their ring number.

The handler declares whether they wish to attempt the bonus exercise. If you want to attempt the bonus then you hold the bonus card so that the word BONUS is visible to the judge. If you do not wish to attempt the bonus, you hold the card so that the blank side is facing the judge.

The sequence of collar being undone, replaced, signs to be picked up and shown, is quite specific and has been developed in consultation with experienced Judges & RWP members. Please stick to it....failure at this point would be upsetting for all involved.

Things to bear in mind - your own individual "warm up" sequence....remember that just as at a real show, you can't take food/toys into the ring..... practice and figure out what works for you and your dog.

Your main warm up should be *before* you undertake the ID process of holding up your signs - and off camera! Once you have shown your ID to the camera, and replaced your signs then you are free to start your round in your own time....a small amount of warm up between ID & crossing the start line is acceptable (maximum 5 paces if you're heeling) , behave as you would at a real show.

Levels 1 & 2 (on lead) - handlers undertake the ID process with the dog on lead. If you want to loop the lead around the dog while taking the collar off/on then that is quite acceptable.

Levels 3-6 (competing off lead) - handlers should enter the ring on lead, and remove it as part of the ID process. The Judge may specify where they wish the lead to be placed for their class, or leave it to the handlers discretion.

