

# RallyOnline Group

## SCHEDULE OF Independent RALLY EVENT

(held under ROL Rules & Regulations)

COMPETITION VENUE – ONLINE

Entries Open 7 -21 May 2020

Competition Date (Judging) 23 May 2020.

SHOW OPENS at 21.00 BST THURSDAY 7 May 2020

Walk through at competitor's discretion thereafter.

Chief Steward &/or Judge(s) will be available to answer questions  
online – Friday 8 May 1800 – 2000 BST (RallyOnline Facebook Group & email)

Commemorative Certificates to all earning qualifying scores,

### **ORGANISOR** and Chief Steward:-

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#### ENTRIES CLOSE:

21.00 BST (9pm) 21 May 2020

#### ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO:

[admin@rallyonline.org](mailto:admin@rallyonline.org)  
Email entry with video link via YouTube

#### VETERINARY SUPPORT:

Please ensure you have your own vets  
contact details available at all times.



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*Competitors are advised that all qualifications gained up to and including 1 May 2020 count towards eligibility for this competition*

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Judges – Michelle Rodgers, Sabine Kanzaria, Gail Holl, Helen Conacher, Peta Braddock, Jo Pay, David Cameron, Leanne Blades, Andrea Sykes, Liz Bond, Julie Barrett, Julia Bodsworth, Lesley Clements, Tracey McGuirk, Chris Clements, & Sally Sanford. Reserve Judges Claire Coughlan Khan, Rachel Bradley, Jay Kanzaria. Additional Judges will be appointed as required
2. The event has no sponsorship.
3. The entry fee for this event is £3 per class
4. There is no prize money on offer at this event. Commemorative certificates for all achieving qualifying scores. All scribesheets & certificates will be emailed to handlers after results published on website.
5. Courses will be posted & entries will open at 21.00 BST Thursday 7 May 2020 closing at 21.00 BST Thursday 21 May 2020. Verification & Judging will be completed by 23.59 Sunday 24 May 2020.
6. Walk through & booking in will occur at competitor's discretion.
7. There will be no restrictions regarding bitches in season or in whelp.
8. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
9. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
10. Not for competition entries are not accepted.
11. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the group will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the competition.
12. Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge.
13. Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported on the group website.
14. 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 and 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 or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises.
15. Booking in will take place at the time the entry is submitted.
16. Ring numbers (Pre Competition Registration) must have been obtained from The Rally Online Group before video submission.
17. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition.
18. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the Judge or Judges.
19. After a dog has commenced competing in a Class no substitution of Handler is permitted in that Class.
20. For the duration of the competition and including those in the exercise area, all dogs must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
21. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst under test.
22. The attention of competitors is drawn specifically to the Competition Regulations
23. A dog cannot be entered in the same class more than once.
24. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out.

25. A dog must, at the time of entry for the competition, be registered or will be allocated a registration number by the RallyOnline Group. In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given.

Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s) such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to the RallyOnline Group Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required.

A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a Competition may compete as the new owner's property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the RallyOnline Group before the Competition, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

26. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by a scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as a scheduled judge.

27. Where required by the competition secretary or competition manager, or by a judge with the agreement of the competition management, a dog shall cease competing and be immediately removed from the competition if it is:

a. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.

b. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.

c. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.

The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and held in the RallyOnline Group records.

28. Judges' discretion prevails and Judges' decisions are final.

29. Welfare of Dogs –An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at an event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred.

30. No modifications may be made to the Schedule once published except by permission of the RallyOnline Group which must be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press if possible.

31. Animals in Event – No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of a competition during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Show Management. However, at the discretion of the host organisation, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

32. Children under the age of 11 are the responsibility of and must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian'.

### **Specific Rules for Online Rally Competitions**

33. It is the competitor's responsibility to submit a video which can be fairly judged.

34. After entering the competition, prior to judging the Chief Steward &/or a member of ROL verifying team will watch the round to confirm that the quality is good enough to submit for judging (and time it). If the video fails this verification, the Chief Steward will refuse the entry, notifying the handler via email. A replacement video link may be

submitted via email within the competition timeframe, acceptance will be at the Organisers discretion.

35. Any video or digital editing of the round is strictly forbidden.
36. Filming the round from other than the designated point will result in the entry being refused.
37. Repeated attempts to flout these rules will be considered to be breaches of the rules – to bring the sport into disrepute & as such reported.
38. Judges will undertake to watch each round ONCE, without pausing or re-running the video. .
39. If the Judge or Chief Steward has any doubt about the accuracy of the course, the competitor will be contacted and asked to submit a video showing “course verification” .If course verification is not undertaken and accepted within the appropriate timeframe – the entry will be excluded AFTER judging. This means that any awards would be withdrawn.
40. Course verification may be required if competitors in the placings are tied on points and there is a significant and inexplicable time difference between the rounds.
41. Judges are eligible to enter classes other than the one they are judging.

## **42. VERIFICATION & the ID process.**

**(42 i) ALL VIDEO ENTRIES MUST Start and END with the dog on lead – failure to do this will result in not being accepted. There should be an audible (on video playback) announcement of the ring number – either by handler or camera operator.**

**(42 ii) There are three options available -**

**(A) Video starts with ID process – where handler holds up their ring number & bonus card (if they are going to attempt the bonus exercise), shows collar & lead (undoing collar to demonstrate the fastening), confirms nothing else held in hands ...then crosses the start line. A short warm up in the ring in the clearly defined ID/warm up area is permitted. No toys or food allowed in video unless specifically designated in class (e.g. Special Rewards Class).**

**(B) Video starts with handler briefly holding up hands to confirm empty (other than lead in levels 1 or 2). Team moves immediately across start line and works Rally Round. At end of round after Bonus is completed (if relevant), the team have 6 seconds to move to the clearly defined warm up/ID area where the handler commences holding up ring number & bonus card, show collar & lead (undoing collar to demonstrate the fastening). Any tight leads during this 6 second movement will result in disqualification for the whole round. Food /toy may be given in this warm up area (MUST BE CLEARLY DEFINED). Neither dog or handler may not leave video view – or round is disqualified.**

**(C) As option B above BUT time exceeds 6 seconds before the handler commences holding up ring number & bonus card (due to giving food/toy/ or any**

other reason) there will be a 10 point penalty applied by the ROL admin team AFTER judging completed ie. at scoring.  
If time exceeds 30 seconds between end of round (including bonus if relevant) and start of ID process ROL admin team retain the right to disqualify the entry.

*Id process is exactly the same in both procedures – handler must hold up ring number & bonus card (latter if relevant), show judge & admin team the dogs equipment (collar & lead).*

43. During verification the Chief Steward & verification team may note incorrect course layouts, they MAY then inform the handler and allow a resubmission. The organisers strongly recommend that handlers check & watch their own videos carefully before submission to ensure they have laid the course correctly - see rule 33.

### **ROL video competitions UPDATES from May 2020**

NO video rounds will be accepted that have been filmed in public spaces or group activities. If our verifying team have any doubts you will be asked to provide photos to demonstrate wider situation, and google earth coordinates (within time frame of entries open).

The only exception to this is if your home is in a location where the restrictions in place due to the pandemic allow you leisure activities in public - at the date of filming. You must email us a screen grab of the restrictions that apply to your location, & google earth coordinates to confirm before we accept your entry. We would ask every competitor to enter into the spirit of this competition - keeping going with restrictions due to the pandemic.

Most classes will be split into 2 parts (may be split further if entries dictate re numbers per judge) - handlers are eligible to enter one part of any class... Parts may have different courses...

This video competition will run exclusively online - scribesheets and certificates will be emailed to handlers after the results are published on ROL website. We will aim to do this as promptly as possible, but cannot confirm timeframe due to present uncertainties.

Rosettes will be available to purchase subsequently when the global situation improves. *This also applies to video level title claims - we are not mailing in the current situation, as we feel the postal services need protecting for essentials.*

Entry fees will be UK & Overseas £3 per dog per class.

Video Level title claims will continue to be accepted, a downloadable certificate sent confirming, then rosette & paper certificates will be sent in due course, when things are back to normal in UK.

**Challenge Courses** - designed to fit into 2 x 3 m.

- Minor expansion to 4 x 5m if space at home allows.
- KC rules on static ratios relaxed, individual signs may be used up to twice per round.
- KC rules on distances between exercises relaxed but maintained as close as possible to the KC rules.
- Signs smaller than A4 acceptable. Judge must be able to see sign location to be able to assess where the exercise starts.
- ID procedure must be before the round, and will take place anywhere on the course. Handlers must make sure they pass the start & finish signs in the correct direction.
- Check camera position - camera operator to keep dog & below waist of handler in view at all times. Check, and check again!
- Course plans will make it clear which signs are linked - we strongly advise handlers execute these as sharing the static element.
- Signs that are NOT linked must be laid out at least 1m from the adjoining exercises - (to allow for minimum one pace).

- Bonus signs & exercises - Judges may choose not to include the "bonus start" sign on plan, if so, then judging will continue past finish sign until end of bonus exercise.

**Open Course** - designed to fit into conventional Rally ring sizes.

Minor shrinkage to fit space at home to 6 x 10 m MINIMUM.

Normal KC/ROL rules. STILL NO rounds in public spaces or group activities.

### **SPECIAL REWARD CLASS**

- This class will have two parts - one will have a conventional size course as per normal ROL rules.
- The second = Innovative Fun part - No set course plan. This will enable handlers to make the most use of space they have available in their homes. This will be judged on creativity & performance...aka FUN. The emphasis is on teamwork & enjoyment. Handlers must start with the normal ROL ID process, start & finish on lead.

### **TIPS FOR CHALLENGE COURSES**

Put signs together, try moving signs up off floor e.g. blue tac to walls. Post it notes, etc. Use smaller signs to gain precious centimetres of space.

When you have laid your course practice walking it without your dog - to work out where to turn them to avoid knocking them into signs.



Also video to check camera positioning (may need to stand on something like a chair to get a better angle)

Read the course notes VERY CLOSELY - to be sure which signs are linked, and which signs are positioned at variance with normal procedures (e.g. pass on handlers left).

Make sure team PASS the start & finish signs in the correct direction.

Videos still need to start & finish with dog on lead.

Those of us who have tried a challenge course.....will confirm, this is NOT a soft option. Good luck, have fun and enjoy!



## **ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

**Classes at Rally Competitions** – A competition host may stage one or more special classes not conforming to the standard class tests set out in the Regulations. 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.

### **1. Video Rally Levels**

Rally handler/dog teams compete in their lowest eligible class from Level 1 to Level 6plus. They may also compete at the subsequent level. Progression to the next Level does not require either wins or places. Progression is dependent upon gaining three Excellent scores, under three different judges, or six qualifying scores under four different judges. Levels 1 – 4 have a qualifying score of 175 out of 200. Levels 5 & 6 have a qualifying score of 180 out of 200.

In all levels a qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

### **3. Eligibility**

When entered for a competition, a dog must be entered in a standard class at the level for which it is eligible plus two further classes, one of which may be at the subsequent higher level. A dog can be entered in special class(es) only. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes. Special classes do not count for progression.

Video Rally Level 1 –

Open to dogs which have not achieved a vRLevel 1 or vRLevel 1 Excellent Title.

Video Rally Level 2 –

Open to all dogs which have achieved a vRLevel 1 or vRLevel 1 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved a vRLevel 2 or vRLevel 2 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at vRLevel 1 may also enter at this vRLevel.

Video Rally Level 3 –

Open to all dogs which have achieved a vRLevel 2 or vRLevel 2 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved a vRLevel 3 or vRLevel 3 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at vRLevel 2 may also enter at this vRLevel.

Video Rally Level 4 –

Open to all dogs which have achieved avR Level 3 or vRLevel 3 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved avR Level 4 or vRLevel 4 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at vRLevel 3 may also enter at this Level.

Video Rally Level 5 –

Open to all dogs which have achieved avR Level 4 or vRLevel 4 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved avR Level 5 or vRLevel 5 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at vRLevel 4 may also enter at this Level.

Video Rally Level 6 –

Open to all dogs which have achieved a vRLevel 5 or vRLevel 5 Excellent Title. Dogs eligible for and entered at vRLevel 5 may also enter at this Level.

Video Rally Level 6 plus –

Open to all dogs who have achieved a vRLevel 5 title or vRLevel 5 Excellent Title.

Exercises will consist of KC Rally exercises – as per vRLevel 6. The course design rules stipulating (a) even spacing and 2m between stations and (b) balance between static & moving exercises will be relaxed. The criteria for following signs “Slow Pace” (no 15) and “Fast Pace” (no 16) by normal pace will be relaxed. Multiple sign stations do not have to include static elements. Maximum number of signs is increased to 25. Signs may be reused within the course.

#### **4. Video Rally Titles**

(Only the highest vRLevel title achieved should be used after the dog’s name. The title is designated as ‘vRL1’, ‘vRL2’, ‘vRL3’, ‘vRL4’, ‘vRL5’, or ‘vRL6’ and appears after the dog’s name).

VR Level 1 Title Requires six qualifying scores of 175 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 1.

VR Level 2 Title Requires six qualifying scores of 175 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 2.

VR Level 3 Title Requires six qualifying scores of 175 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 3.

VR Level 4 Title Requires six qualifying scores of 175 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 4.

VR Level 5 Title Requires six qualifying scores of 180 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 5.

VR Level 6 Title Requires six qualifying scores of 180 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 6.

VR Level 6plus Title Requires six qualifying scores of 180 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 6plus.

#### **Special Veteran Dog Video Rally Title “vRLVet”**

A veteran Dog Title can be earned by (a) three qualifying excellent scores of 190 or above under three different judges in video Rally veteran dog classes or (b) six qualifying scores of 175 – 189 under three or more different judges in video Rally veteran dog classes.

*Due to these new rules, qualifying scores towards earning a Veteran Dog Video Rally Title started on 1.5.19.*

## 5. 'Excellent vRTitles' No Change

**Qualifying scores earned since 1 January 2018 count towards titles (excepting Special Veteran Dog Title – start date = 1.5.19).**

**Special Reward Class** - Open to all teams. 2 parts – (A) – normal open course.... And (B) no course provided... see notes above.

The course will consist of a reward box (coned area)& Rally exercises. Rewarding your dog must be undertaken at times indicated on course plans – (1) after completing ID process (if doing it at the beginning, (2) between specific exercises, and (3) after completion of the Rally course before Bonus (if applicable.). The reward box is the only location where treats/toys are allowed.

ID process may be undertaken at beginning or at end after Bonus (if applicable). ID process not to be undertaken on the course.

Time starts from when the team crosses the start line to when they enter the reward box for the final time – after the exercises.

Rally round marked to normal rules & standards. NO toys, treats outside reward box, and absolutely NO harsh handling (including rough play). This is designed to be a REWARD class – for the dogs, handlers, judges, and admin team!

## **Special Veteran Dog Class**

Special Veteran Dog classes are open to dogs who have celebrated their 7<sup>th</sup> birthdays prior to judging date (23 May 20)

Exercises may be taken from any level 1-6. Jump exercises are excluded.

Maximum number of static positions per round = 6 AND maximum number of any one type of static position = 3.

*Bonus exercise statics do not count in these totals & design constraints.*

Courses will consist of 14 – 17 exercises which must include exercises from at least 3 different levels.

In all bonus exercises (except bonus 10) handlers may elect to replace any sit position with a stand position without penalty. It is the handlers responsibility to ensure the Judge can see a noticeable “stand”....

Teams may compete on or off lead at their discretion. Marking will be to normal standards.



## **CLASSIFICATION**

**All classes will be split if entries exceed 34.**

**COMPETITION (judging) DATE 23 May 2020**

Courses will be uploaded& entries will open at 21.00 BST Thursday 7 May, closing at 21.00 BST Thursday 21 May.

The Chief Steward & Judge(s) will be available to answer questions online – Friday 8 May 1800 – 2000 BST. (RallyOnline Facebook Group & email)

Verification & Judging will then take place, and results announced online by midnight 24.5.20 (subject to possible delay if required). Awards will not be posted, but will be emailed.

### **CLASS JUDGES**

**1.vR Level 1 Michelle Rodgers, Sabine Kanzaria, Gail Holl, Helen Conacher, Peta Braddock,**

**2. vRLevel 2 Jo Pay, David Cameron, Leanne Blades, Andrea Sykes,**

**3. vRLevel 3 Liz Bond**

**4. vRLevel 4 Julie Barrett**

**5. vRLevel 5 Julia Bodsworth**

**6. vRLevel 6 Sally Sanford**

**7. vR Level 6+ Sally Sanford**

**8. Special Reward Class – Lesley Clements, Chris Clements**

**9. Special Veteran Class - Tracey McGuirk**

**Reserve Judges all classes – Claire Coughlan Khan, Rachel Bradley, Jay Kanzaria, & Sally Sanford Additional Judges will be appointed as required**

**ENTRY FORM & EXERCISE MODIFICATION REQUEST FORM  
are available on the website.**

**All Courses will be available on the website for downloading**

**21.00 BST Thursday 7 May 20**

**closing at 21.00 BST Thursday 21 May 20.**

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