

RALLY – SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS from Previous Kennel Club Working Party Meetings

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| 1. | Regulation Amendments | The Board, at its meeting held on 21 October 2025, approved the recommended amendments to the S regulations. Explanation of the amendments for 1 January 2026 can be found here: Changes to Rally Regulations for 2026 | All to note |
| 2. | Use of Exercise Modification Request (EMR) Forms | The Working Party had received feedback from the Rally community to find out what might be useful information to include on the EMR form and how it may be made easier to use. An FAQ and downloadable EMR Forms are now available on the Kennel Club website. You can find these here: Competing in rally Events & Activities Kennel Club EMR Forms are to enable and allow competitors the opportunity to work on a level playing field. Please note that any submissions are private and confidential, not shared publicly. | All to note |
| 3. | Videos of exercises | The Working Party had completed a pilot of videos of exercises. Level 1 videos had been uploaded to YouTube and a short survey undertaken. The feedback was very positive and new footage of how to perform the various signs will be added at regular intervals. The videos can be found here: Rally Resources - YouTube | All to note |
| 4. | Resetting & Retry Clarification | The Working Party wished to clarify that handlers repeating an exercise, or handlers resetting their dogs within an exercise, would merit an NQ for off course. This applied when the handler cued their dog to do so, not to when the dog moved to correct themselves (the latter should be marked as a performance error). | Judges and competitors to note |
| 5. | Starting Distances | The Working Party had discussed how far past the sign handlers may start an exercise before it was regarded as an NQ for off course. It was clarified that unless the exercise stated otherwise, and provided that the handler started the exercise before they had gone significantly beyond the sign, they were not considered to be off course. However, they may still incur performance errors. | Judges and competitors to note |
| 6. | Sign Placement | The Working Party wished to clarify the placement of the exercise sign. Judges should not lay the sign directly in the handler's path, it should be placed to the handlers' right as they approached the sign. | Judges to note |
| 7. | Photography & Filming at Competitions | As a matter of courtesy, permission must be sought from the judge before recording. Please see the Kennel Club's code of best practice for reference: Code of conduct Our codes The Kennel Club | All to note |



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| | | Any professional photographers appointed by the society, must ensure they are not disrupting the dogs working in the ring. | |
| 8. | New Rally Liaison Council | <p>The Rally Working Party will become the Rally Liaison Council as of January 2026. Applications for the Council have now closed. Please refer to the Royal Kennel Club website for information on the new Liaison Council members: Introducing the New Rally Liaison Council.</p> <p>To submit a proposal or discussion item for the Rally Liaison Council to review, please use the online submission form: Liaison Council Agenda Item.</p> | All to note |