

Proposal to adopt the following changes to S(A) to support the implementation of the new framework.

(Please note that changes to "S", S(B) and S(C) will be presented in separate documents)

S(A) LEVELS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Levels

Rally ~~handler/dog/handler~~ teams compete in their lowest eligible class from **Foundation** Level 1 to Level 6; ~~t~~They may also compete at the subsequent level. **Dogs with a Level 6 title or Level 6 Excellent title may compete in Level 6 and/or Level 7 at their handler's discretion.** ~~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.~~

Foundation Level and Levels 1 - 4 have a qualifying score of 175 ~~out of 200~~¹.

Levels 5 & 7 have a qualifying score of 180 ~~out of 200~~.

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

~~Scores equivalent to these qualifying scores (or greater) earned at Limited Rally competitions do not count towards Progression, Rally Level titles or Excellent.~~

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

2. Veteran

Rally ~~handler/dog/handler~~ teams where the dog is 7 years of age or older may compete in Veteran as well as, or instead of, their lowest eligible class.

Veteran has a qualifying score of 175 ~~out of 200~~.

A qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

3. Validity of scores

Only scores equivalent to, or greater than, qualifying scores earned at Open Shows count towards Progression, Rally titles, Excellent titles and Rally Warrants. Scores earned at Limited Rally Shows do not count.

4. Eligibility

a. Standard Level Classes - **Foundation Level to Level 6**

When entered for a competition in a standard level class **up to Level 6**, a dog must be entered at the level for which it is eligible. The dog may also, if desired, be entered in up to two additional classes including one further standard level class at the subsequent higher level, ~~one additional special class, or two additional special classes.~~ A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes. ~~Special classes do not count towards progression.~~ Once a dog has earned any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.

b. **Standard Level Class - Level 7**

Once a dog has a Level 6 title or Level 6 Excellent title and is entered for a competition in a standard level class it may be entered at Level 6 and/or Level 7 at the handler's discretion. The dog may still only be entered in a maximum of 3 classes.

c. Veteran classes

A dog which is 7 years old or over on the day of the show may be entered in just the Veteran class. It may also be entered in Standard Level classes and special classes to a maximum of 3 classes in total.

d. Special classes

A dog may be entered in special classes only, up to a maximum of 3 classes in total. Special classes do not count towards progression.

Foundation

¹ Remove as inaccurate – they effectively have to score 175/180 out of 210. Scoring guidelines state that each competitor enters the ring with a perfect score of 200 so stating this here is both unnecessary and confusing.

- **Open to all dogs which have not achieved a Foundation Level Excellent title and where their handlers have not chosen to progress on a Foundation Level title, except those that have achieved a title from a higher level.**

Level 1

- ~~Open to dogs which have not achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title.~~
- **Open to all dogs which have achieved a Foundation Level Excellent title or where their handlers have chosen to progress on a Foundation Level title, except those that have achieved a title from a higher level. Dogs eligible for and entered at Foundation may also enter at this level.**

Level 2

- ~~Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent title~~ **or where their handlers have chosen to progress on a Level 1 title**, except those that have achieved a ~~Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title~~ **from a higher level.** Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 1 may also enter at this level.

Level 3

- ~~Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent title~~ **or where their handlers have chosen to progress on a Level 2 title**, except those that have achieved a ~~Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title~~ **from a higher level.** Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 2 may also enter at this level.

Level 4

- ~~Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent title~~ **or where their handlers have chosen to progress on a Level 3 title**, except those that have achieved a ~~Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title~~ **from a higher level.** Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 3 may also enter at this level.

Level 5

- ~~Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent title~~ **or where their handlers have chosen to progress on a Level 4 title**, except those that have achieved a ~~Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title~~ **from a higher level.** Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 4 may also enter at this level.

Level 6

- ~~Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent title~~ **or where their handlers have chosen to progress on a Level 5 title.** Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 5 may also enter at this level.

Level 7²

- **Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 6 or Level 6 Excellent title. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 6 may also enter at this level.**

Veteran

- Open to all dogs aged 7 years or over on the first day of the show.

For 2027 only³, handlers of dogs which have a Level 1 qualifying score earned before 1 January 2027 should enter Level 1 as their lowest eligible class, however, if their dog has not achieved a Level 1 title or Level 1 Excellent title and does not have a Level 2 qualifying score, they may choose to declare their dog's lowest level as Foundation. Once this has been declared, that dog must qualify out of Foundation by gaining a Foundation Excellent title or higher, unless the handler chooses to progress on a Foundation Level title.

5. Progression

Progression is dependent upon gaining the required number of qualifying or Excellent scores under the defined number of different judges. Dogs must progress upon gaining an Excellent title, the handler may choose to progress upon gaining a Level title, however, once a dog has progressed, it

² The choice to enter Level 6 and/or 7 is only open to those with RL6 or RL6-Ex

³ Clarifies that existing Level 1 competitors remain at Level 1 with a exemption for those without L2 qualifiers to be able move to Foundation Level in 2027 only.

cannot return to the class that it progressed from with the exception of Level 6 as it is not possible for dogs to qualify out of either Level 6 or Level 7.

~~3.~~ 6. Level Titles

(Only the highest level title achieved should be used after the dog's name. The title is designated as 'RFL', 'RL1', 'RL2', 'RL3', 'RL4', 'RL5', or 'RL6' or **RL7** and appears after the dog's name).

Foundation Level title

Requires six qualifying scores of 175 or better, earned at Level Foundation Level.

Level 1 title

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

Level 2 title

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

Level 3 title

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

Level 4 title

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

Level 5 title

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

Level 6 title

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

Level 7 title

Requires six qualifying scores of 180 or better, earned under four different judges at Level 7.

~~5.~~ 7. (Once achieved the Veteran title should be used after the dog's name and follow any Rally Level title the dog has achieved. The title is designated as 'RV'.)

Veteran title

Requires six qualifying scores of 175 or better, earned under four different judges in a standard Veteran class.

~~4.~~ 8. 'Excellent' titles

(Where an Excellent title is used after the dog's name, a Level title for the same Level should not also be used).

A dog which has qualified at any level with three qualifying scores each of 190 or better, gained under three different judges, is entitled to the description 'Rally Excellent' with the designations shown below which appear after the dog's name (only the highest designation achieved should be used):

Foundation Level RFL.Ex

Level 1 RL1.Ex

Level 2 RL2.Ex

Level 3 RL3.Ex

Level 4 RL4.Ex

Level 5 RL5.Ex

Level 6 RL6.Ex

Level 7 RL7.Ex

Veteran RV.Ex

~~5.~~ 9. All qualifying scores earned before 1 January 2018 will count towards progression.⁴

⁴ It is still feasible that there are dogs out there with pre-2018 qualifiers therefore this should remain at this time