

Update On The Status Of The New Framework

The new framework was developed by a working sub-group of the Rally Working Party in reaction to community feedback. The newly formed Rally Liaison Council subsequently reviewed the work handed over by the RWP (including results from their consultations and surveys) and presented their proposed changes to the Rally Community prior to their first formal meeting in February 2026.

Initially it was hoped that the new framework would be introduced from 2027, however the RLC chose to hold the project back to enable further community engagement and review.

The RLC set up a Facebook group to assist with community engagement and this had 287 members as at 15th February 2026 (current membership 356 on 2nd June 2026), indicating a high level of participation across the Rally community.

The RLC were pleased with the level of engagement from the Rally community and that this is ongoing. Their feedback was largely positive, with some suggestions for improvement which the RLC are incorporating with a view to submitting the framework to the first formal RLC meeting of 2027 for implementation in 2028.

The community had mixed reactions to the delay with some welcoming the additional time to review and comment and others disappointed that they would have to wait a further year. In light of this the RLC identified some community suggested aspects of the framework which could be introduced in 2027 and polled the community for their thoughts and comments.

Following this latest consultation the RLC are submitting proposals to implement following regulation changes in 2027:

- Amend progression allowing handlers the choice to remain in a level until they have achieved an Excellent title for that Level (or a title in the Level above).
- Add the option for handlers to remove their lead between the Finish and Bonus Start signs for the Level 2 Bonus Exercises 3 and 4.
- Protect existing venues and encourage the growth of new shows by both reducing the minimum capping level for classes and reverting the minimum show licence application date to 6 weeks before the show date.
- Future proof equipment availability by removing the maximum height for a Rally hoop.

There was a suggestion to introduce turns at fast pace in 2027, however, this did not prove to be feasible with the planned expansion to allow short sections of rally courses to be performed in slow or fast pace.

As well as the changes identified above the RLC has taken onboard the suggestion to enable handlers who have titled a dog at Level 5 or above the option to start with any subsequent dogs at Level 1, rather than at Foundation Level, and this will be reflected in the final proposals to be submitted in 2027.