

Schedule of Open Rally Competition

(held under Kennel Club Rules & Regulations S and licensed by the Kennel Club Limited)



Venue

Cheltenham Tigers Ruby Football Club
Newlands Park Sports & Soial Club
Southam Lane
Cheltenham
GL52 3PE.



Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th May 2024

Saturday

Show opens 8.30am

First walk through 9.00am (approx.)

Judging starts 9.40am (approx.)

(Saturday afternoon classes Walk
Through Not before mid-day.)

Sunday

Show opens 8.30am

First walk through 9.00am (approx.)

Judging starts 9.40am (approx.)

(Sunday afternoon classes Walk
Through Not before Mid-day)

(Class times and allocations will be posted online at www.rallynews.co.uk)

Entry Fee £8.00 (per dog per class) - NFC entries Free

The officers and committee members of the society / or the licensee holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the competition safely and in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation S31. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members, or the licensee, accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the competition and that this is a binding undertaking.

Show Secretary: Saturday - Jenny Butters Sunday – Julie Barrett

C/O 48 Bardsway Avenue, Blackpool, Lancs FY3 8JR – 07887654487 (before 8.30am please)

Chief Steward: Saturday - Julie Barrett Sunday – Jenny Butters

Entries close: 12th May 2024 (on line entries preferred)

(all qualifications gained up to and including 5th May 2024 count towards eligibility for this competition)

www.withyourdogrally.co.uk

Vet on Call:

24 hour veterinary hospital is approximately 30 minutes.

Berkeley House
Berkeley Way,
Villages,
Worcester
WR4 9UP

(Owners will be responsible for any expenses incurred)



Judges

Saturday

1. **LEVEL 1** Zoe Townsend
2. **LEVEL 2** Pat Somerset
3. **LEVEL 3** Claire Coughlan
4. **LEVEL 4** Mick Hanson
5. **LEVEL 5** Tanya Butler
6. **LEVEL 6** Lesley Peters
7. **Veteran** Sue Howlett
8. **Special 6+** Trudy Longhurst

Sunday

11. **LEVEL 1.** Tanya Butler
12. **LEVEL 2.** Rachel Beaney
13. **LEVEL 3.** Jo Stocks
14. **LEVEL 4.** Trudy Longhurst
15. **LEVEL 5.** Barbara Whittaker
16. **LEVEL 6.** Caroline Ward
17. **Veteran** Caroline Ward

No prize money is on offer at the show.

Rosettes & Place cards 1-6 and qualifying cards.

**All those with a qualifying score of 175 or better in level 1 – 4 and Veterans
and 180 or better in levels 5 and 6
Judges Special Rosette in all classes**

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Rally handler/dog teams compete at one of six levels, from Level 1 to Level 6. They may also compete at the subsequent level.

Progression is dependent on 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

Scores equivalent to these qualifying scores (or greater) earned at limited rally competitions do count towards progression, rally Level Titles or Excellent Titles. In all levels a qualifying score of 190 or above equates to an excellent score.

Rally handler/dog team 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.

Eligibility

When entered for a competition, a dog must be entered in a standard class 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. Once a dog has any level or excellent title, it is no longer eligible for any lower level.

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

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.

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

Level 2 - Open to all dogs which have achieved a Level 1 or Level 1 Excellent Title, except those that have achieved a Level 2 or Level 2 Excellent Title. 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, except those that have achieved a Level 3 or Level 3 Excellent Title. 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, except those that have achieved a Level 4 or Level 4 Excellent Title. 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, except those that have achieved a Level 5 or Level 5 Excellent Title. 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. Dogs eligible for and entered at Level 5 may also enter at this level.

Veteran – Open to all dogs aged 7 years or over on the first day of the competition.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Judges, As listed. Reserve Judges will be appointed as required
2. There are Rosettes and prize cards sponsored by Rally-O.com
3. Entry fees are £8.00 per dog per class
4. Rosettes and prize cards will be awarded for 1st to 6th in all classes. Qualifying Certificates will also be awarded with a qualifying score of 175 or above for levels 1 – 4 and 190 or above for levels 5 & 6 There is no prize money on offer at this show
5. Competitors should collect their own ring number or bring their own and personally book in and chose a place in the running order at the class tables adjoining the Secretaries table.
6. No bitch in season is allowed to compete
7. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
8. All dogs must enter and leave the judging ring on lead. **When in use, one end of the lead must be attached to a ring on the dog's collar and the other should be held in the handler's hand(s), except for when performing Bonus Exercises 4 or 5 where the handler has chosen for their dog to drag the lead.**
9. Dogs must compete in a buckle or snap collar. Collars may have tags on them. Decorations and/or costumes, harnesses, slip leads, check and half-check collars are not allowed. A medicated collar may also be worn in the ring
10. The committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries
11. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over. Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered
12. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society 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 dates.
13. Should a judge be unable to fulfil their appointment the organiser reserves the right to appoint an alternative judge
14. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order
15. Should circumstances so dictate the organiser, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes will be reported to the Kennel Club
16. 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, 2, or 3 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 4 or higher classes or special classes which incorporate jumps or similar exercises. **A dog which is 7 years old or over on the first day of the competition may be entered in a Veteran class.**
17. **Classes at this competition are not capped.**
18. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
19. Entry passes are not required for this show
20. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition
21. No competitor shall impugn the decisions of the Judge or Judges.
22. After a dog has commenced competing in a Class no substitution of Handler is permitted in that Class
23. 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
24. Food or toys shall not be carried in the ring or given to a dog whilst under test, except in special classes where the use of food and/or silent toy rewards have been specified in the Schedule
25. A dog cannot be entered in the same class more than once
26. Once a dog has entered the ring to compete, no further practice may be carried out
27. A dog must, at the time of entry for the competition, be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration or transfer applied for). 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 Kennel Club 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 Kennel Club 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)
28. 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
29. Following discussion between the Chief Steward and the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from compete and/or removed from the Competition if it is :- a. A bitch which is in season....b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.... c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent....d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal....e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing.....The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition Incident Book and submitted to the Kennel Club.
30. Judges' discretion prevails and Judges' decisions are final
31. **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS - Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.**
32. Welfare of Dogs - An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed 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 to the General Committee for disciplinary
33. No modifications may be made to the Schedule once published except by permission of the General Committee of the Kennel Club which must be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press if possible...
34. **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 General Committee. 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.
35. Minors under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**PLEASE PARK WHERE DIRECTED
BY STEWARDS
All access points MUST be kept clear
please park sensibly**

Dogs must be always kept on leads, At ALL times

Please remember to respect all other users of this venue clean up after your dog and use the bins provided.

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered slightly warm.

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

Directions

From the North

Exit M5 at junction 10 and follow the *A4019 for approx. 6 miles

At the roundabout turn left into Kingsditch Lane, continue over the 2 mini
arounds onto Wymans Lane.

Continue for approx. 4 miles and go under the railway onto Hyde lane.

Continue for approx. 1 mile and cross the A435 onto Southam Lane

Continue for approx. 1/2 mile and turn left the venue will on your right.

From the South

Exit M5 at junction 10 and turn right going over the M5 onto the A4019

*Follow the directions above

Scoring for Special Level 6+

for the special class only, the following will earn a 10 point deduction instead of an “NQ”:

- Touching the dog to prompt an exercise
- Exceeding course time (unless an EMR for time has been approved)
- Consistently tight lead
- Handler misses or does not attempt an exercise
- Handler Off Course

The following will still be treated as an “NQ”.

- Dog leaves the ring
- Nipping or mouthing
- Dogs out of control
- Dogs being ill or eliminating in the ring
- Harsh handling

Please note that Special classes are NOT Qualifying classes so do not count towards titles or progression

Special 6 Plus,

Open to all dogs over 12 months old
(Capped at 30 entries)

Open to all dog and handler teams, however, this class is aimed at those working Level 4 and above so will be worked off lead. It may include jumps so dogs under 12 months are not eligible to compete.

A challenging course of up to 20 exercises to offer an additional Rally challenge to higher level competitors, especially those in Level 6.

Design rules are relaxed including, but not limited to:

The Judge may use as many exercises as they like from each level.

All turns may be repeated if desired. (not 360).

Normal Pace will be counted as the 2nd sign in any change of pace exercise. (ie. Fast Pace/normal pace counts as 1 exercise)

Minimum distance between exercises is relaxed.

Judges may use appropriate angles on the entrance and exit, of cone and distraction exercises if desired.

The route may transit through other exercises provided it is safe to do so. (NO backward movement by handler or dog between cones)

Exercises can be at slow/fast pace if safety is the first consideration.

Bonus exercises may be used within the actual course.

“Free choice” stations may be used. i.e. “Any Left Turn”, “Any static exercise” etc

The judge may invent a new exercise, in which case a clear description will be available at the ring.